

## II. Public Access

<u>Recommendation</u>		<u>Schedule</u>						<u>Action by Judicial Branch</u>
		<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>FY 2013</u>	
1	Remove language barriers for non-English speaking citizens.	\$292,268	\$481,302	\$	\$	\$	\$	The Judicial Branch has contracted with The Language Bank to provide interpreters in all languages in all courts. In addition, the Judicial Branch is negotiating with the National Center for State Courts, Maine, and Vermont to join the NCSC Interpreters' Consortium.
2	Provide translated written materials to Limited English Proficient individuals.	*	*					RSA 509:1 requires that all "entries of record in the courts shall be in the English language, and in no other." The Judicial Branch is considering whether to request amendment of that prohibition against providing common forms in other languages.
3	Create dedicated funding streams for communications access and annual disability sensitivity training.	See Rec. 2, Pg. 3						Rather than seek a dedicated fund, the Judicial Branch Education Committee is providing disability sensitivity training for all new employees.
4	Increase small claims jurisdiction to \$10,000.	*	*	*	*	*	*	The Judicial Branch will seek a sponsored of legislation to increase small claims jurisdiction to \$10,000.

\* = No new funds requested.