



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

CITY CLERKS OFFICE
NEW BEDFORD, MA

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CITY CLERK

May 17, 2018

City Council President Linda M. Morad
Honorable Members of the City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Morad and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval an ORDER that the sum of **TWO HUNDRED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$236,400)** now standing to the credit of the account from **FACILITIES AND FLEET SALARIES AND WAGES (\$213,000)** and **SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS (\$23,400)** be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

**FACILITIES AND FLEET
CHARGES AND SERVICES..... \$236,400**

To be certified and approved by the Department Head

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

JFM/smt

IN CITY COUNCIL, May 24, 2018

Referred to the Committee on Finance – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Dennis W. Farias, City Clerk

a true copy, attest:

Dennis W. Farias



**DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES AND FLEET
MANAGEMENT**

**KENNETH F. BLANCHARD
DIRECTOR**

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell
Cc: Robert Ekstrom, City Auditor
Ari Sky, CFO

FROM: Kenneth F. Blanchard, Director

DATE: May 7, 2018

RE: REQUEST FOR TRANSFER

Mayor Mitchell,

The Department of Facilities and Fleet Management respectfully requests the following transfers:

Transfer \$213,000 from DFFM Salaries and Wages to DFFM Charges and Services
Transfer \$23,400 from DFFM Supplies and Materials to DFFM Charges and Services

The need for these transfers is to compensate for a projected \$236,400 shortfall in the Charges and Services account for DFFM. Although the ESCO has resulted in tangible reductions in KWH usage and increased efficiency, the shortfall is due largely to price fluctuations in natural gas and electricity coupled with unseasonably cold temperatures lasting deep into spring.

Should you require any further information please feel free to call me.

KFB/clm



OFFICE OF THE CFO

ARI J. SKY
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

May 10, 2018

TO: Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell
New Bedford City Council

FROM: Ari J. Sky

SUBJECT: FY 2018 Budget Reconciliation

The execution of the FY 2018 budget has involved a number of challenges. Vacancies did not materialize in a uniform manner across departments, and the cost of certain materials and contractual services increased faster than expected, principally due to the improving economy. In addition, reductions imposed on departments during the budget process required additional measures to ensure sufficient General Fund balance to reconcile.

Over the course of the past year, we have taken a number of steps to mitigate the fiscal impact, including continuation of the hiring slowdown, overtime control citywide, and strict oversight of contracts and encumbrances. However, we are still looking at net deficits in the personnel and operating budgets of several departments.

We have identified a number of accounts with projected balances that will enable us to eliminate anticipated deficits. My office will be recommending a series of transfers totaling approximately \$350,000-\$400,000 to balance between 10 and 12 departments, which will be submitted to the City Council before the end of the fiscal year. These transfers will balance the General Fund and ensure that there will not be a negative levy impact during the annual tax recapitulation process.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I believe it is also worthwhile to note that the FY 2019 budget will be constructed to address these deficiencies, as they are currently understood, and to ensure that resources are directed as needed.