



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**

**JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR**

May 16, 2019

City Council President Linda M. Morad and  
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 SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$260,000)** now standing to the credit of the account from **PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE SALARIES AND WAGES** be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

**PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS**

.....\$180,000

**PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL OUTLAY.....\$80,000**

To be certified and approved by the Department Head

Sincerely,

Jon Mitchell  
Mayor



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## CITY COUNCIL

May 23, 2019

ORDERED; That the sum of **TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$260,000)** now standing to the credit of the account from **PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE SALARIES AND WAGES** be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

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OFFICE OF THE CFO

ARI J. SKY  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

May 13, 2019

**TO:** Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell  
New Bedford City Council

**FROM:** Ari J. Sky

**SUBJECT:** FY 2019 General Fund Budget Reconciliation

As in past years, several departments will require transfers prior to the end of the fiscal year to eliminate deficits resulting from excess expenditures, grant match requirements and budget reductions. Over the course of FY 2019, we have taken a number of steps to restrain the overall rate of expense, including continuation of the hiring slowdown and enforcement of cost controls in the nonpersonnel accounts.

The General Fund as a whole will finish the year in a relatively solid position, with a moderate surplus projected in the overall personnel budget. However, it will be necessary to effect several transfers in order to prevent individual deficits from being raised on next year's tax recap. Most of the requested transfers will be internal to the respective departments, although several will require funding from other departments to balance.

The reconciliation process will be aided by better than anticipated performance in the Health Insurance program. Actual expenses in the Medical Claims Trust Fund were down by 7.9% through March compared with FY 2018. While there are indications that this rate of expenditure will not continue long-term, we have sufficient data on hand to incorporate budgetary savings into our FY 2019 projections. Two transfers will be submitted to assign funding from the Health Insurance program to eliminate anticipated deficits in the Fire Department and a deficit in General Government Unclassified resulting from excess health care costs for retired Police and Fire personnel who were injured on duty and Medicaid administration expenses. The transfers from Health Insurance will total \$920,000.

In addition to the transfers from Health Insurance, several interdepartmental transfers will be submitted to offset anticipated deficits resulting from insufficient vacancy savings and excess personnel and material expenses. The departments requiring interdepartmental transfers are City Auditor, Personnel, Solicitor, Emergency Medical Services and the Mayor's Office, in addition to the two accounts discussed in the previous paragraph.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



## Department of Public Infrastructure

**Jamie Ponte**  
Commissioner

**Water**  
**Wastewater**  
**Highways**  
**Engineering**  
**Cemeteries**  
**Park Maintenance**  
**Forestry**  
**Energy**

### **CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**

**Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor**

To: Ari Sky, CFO

From: Jamie Ponte, Commissioner

Date: April 24, 2019

RE: Transfer of Funds – DPI Budget

There will be a surplus in Salaries and Wages due to vacancy savings. All vacancies have been posted and advertised, and the department has been actively recruiting at job fairs, on the city's website, through universities, and on professional websites. Turnover has always been a struggle for this department and has greatly contributed to the vacancy savings.

I respectfully request a transfer of \$180,000 from Salaries and Wages to Supplies. We plan to utilize these funds for building maintenance supplies; lighting supplies for street lights, park lights, and holiday lights; vehicle supplies; and groundskeeping supplies for parks, cemeteries, and more. We would also like to transfer \$80,000 from Salaries and Wages to Capital Outlay for mowers and groundskeeping supplies that will be utilized for detention ponds and on difficult, vertical terrain; for safety supplies that will further the department's goal of ensuring safer working conditions for employees; and for other related supplies.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions. I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jamie Ponte  
Commissioner