



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 **FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000)** now standing to the credit of the account from **EMS SALARIES AND WAGES (\$25,000)** and **EMS CAPITAL OUTLAY (\$15,000)** be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

EMS CHARGES AND SERVICES.....\$25,000
EMS SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS.....\$15,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head

Sincerely,

Jon Mitchell
Mayor



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CITY COUNCIL

May 23, 2019

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OFFICE OF THE CFO

ARI J. SKY
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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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

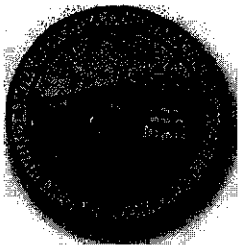
As in past years, several departments will require transfers prior to the end of the fiscal year to eliminate deficits resulting from excess expenditures, grant match requirements and budget reductions. Over the course of FY 2019, we have taken a number of steps to restrain the overall rate of expense,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

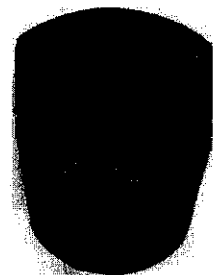
In addition to the transfers from Health Insurance, several interdepartmental transfers will be submitted to offset anticipated deficits resulting from insufficient vacancy savings and excess personnel and material expenses. The departments requiring interdepartmental transfers are City Auditor, Personnel, 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.



Jonathan F Mitchell
Mayor

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Mark D McGraw
Director

To: Mayor Jonathan Mitchell

From: Mark D McGraw
Director EMS

Date: May 7, 2019

Re: Request for Funds

Mayor,

At this time, EMS is currently showing a projected deficit in its 200 acct in the amount of \$50,000.00 dollars. The main item in that account driving this deficit is the workers comp line. Looking at the previous years we have always shown an unpredictable deficit for that line item mostly stemmed from past employees who have retired out through the disability. Requesting a transfer of \$25,000.00 dollars from the EMS 100 account, along with \$25,000.00 from another source, to the EMS 200 account to cover the expected deficits.

EMS is also looking at a projected deficit in its 400 acct of \$15,000.00. This account's deficit is driven mainly by the medical supplies line item. We have encountered a sharp increase in pharmaceuticals over the past few years. Requesting a transfer of \$15,000.00 dollars from EMS 800 acct (588165) into the EMS 400 acct account to cover expected deficits.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark D McGraw, Director NBEMS