



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 **NINE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$920,000)** now standing to the credit of the account from **HEALTH INSURANCE CHARGES AND SERVICES** be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

FIRE SALARIES AND WAGES..... \$525,000
FIRE CHARGES AND SERVICES..... \$75,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED
CHARGES AND SERVICES.....\$320,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head

Sincerely,

Jon Mitchell
Mayor



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

May 23, 2019

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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.



City of New Bedford



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paul N. Coderre, Jr.
Acting Fire Chief

May 2, 2019

Mayor Jonathan Mitchell
City of New Bedford
133 William St.
New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: Deficit in Budget FY19

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

I am writing to inform you that the New Bedford Fire Department's 100 account will hit a deficit by year's end. We project approximately -\$525,000. The deficit has been caused by the extraordinary amount of payoffs due to retirements that were not budgeted for and the overtime costs as a result of these vacancies.

In addition, due to the amount of medical invoices still pending for work-related injuries, I project that our 200 account will also hit a deficit of approximately \$75,000.

I am respectfully requesting the following transfers to cover these costs for FY19:

- \$525,000 in the Overtime account 02200000-511480
- \$ 75,000 to the Hospital/Medical account 02200000-520640

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Respectfully submitted,


Paul N. Coderre, Jr.
Acting Fire Chief