



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

June 4, 2020

City Council President Joseph P. Lopes and
Honorable Members of the City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

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

I am submitting for your approval an ORDER that the sum of **FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$550,000)** now standing to the credit of the account from **POLICE SALARIES AND WAGES** be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

FIRE SALARIES AND WAGES.....\$550,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head

Sincerely,

Jon Mitchell
Mayor



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

June 11, 2020

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OFFICE OF THE CFO

ARI J. SKY
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

June 2, 2020

TO: Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell
New Bedford City Council

FROM: Ari J. Sky

SUBJECT: FY 2020 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 2020, we have taken several steps to restrain the overall rate of expense, including continuation of the hiring slowdown and enforcement of cost controls in the nonpersonnel accounts. The advent of the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the situation, resulting in excess expenditures in some areas and unanticipated savings in others.

Revenue losses due to the pandemic will leave the General Fund with a deficit against budget, currently estimated at about \$2-\$2.5 million. In addition, COVID-19 related expenditures will total approximately \$2 million, although we believe those expenses will be reimbursed by FEMA and CARES Act funding. There will be also be savings in a number of areas: most notably, health insurance expenditures dropped precipitously during the pandemic as medical providers ceased providing elective and routine services. Regardless, 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 largest drivers requiring interdepartmental support will be underbudgeting in the Fire and General Government Unclassified (GGU) budgets. Personnel expenditures in the Fire Department will exceed budget principally due to overtime expenses, which continue to exceed budget despite increases over the past several years. The GGU budget was reduced by the City Council during the budget process, with the direction that staff identify offsetting funding elsewhere. In addition, several interdepartmental transfers will be submitted to offset anticipated deficits resulting from insufficient vacancy savings and excess personnel and material expenses. In addition to Fire and GGU, the departments requiring interdepartmental transfers are City Clerk, Clerk of Committees, CFO, Mayor, Zoo, Emergency Medical Services, Traffic, Planning, Licensing, and Elections.

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.
Fire Chief

May 18, 2020

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

RE: Deficit in Budget FY20

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 -\$550,000. The deficit has been caused by several reasons:

1. Due to the lack of availability at the Fire Academy, we had to train the 10 new FFs that were hired last fall "in-house" which forced us to pay our veteran staff overtime for these trainings for 10 weeks.
2. Over 20+ members have been out on Injured on Duty Leave and Extended Sick Leave and unable to follow through with physicians due to the COVID19 pandemic. Non-emergency procedures and treatments have been placed on hold. Therefore, preventing these members from returning to work.

I am respectfully requesting the following transfer to cover these costs for FY20:

- \$550,000 in the Overtime account 02200000-511480

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.
Fire Chief



New Bedford Police Department

Payroll and Administrative Services

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JONATHAN F. MITCHELL
Mayor

JOSEPH C. CORDEIRO
Chief of Police

PAUL J. OLIVEIRA
Deputy Chief

May 20, 2020

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

RE: REQUEST TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Dear Mayor Mitchell,

The New Bedford Police Department is anticipating a surplus in the 100 account Salaries and Wages in the amount of approximately \$990,000. This surplus is due to reimbursements through a state grant as well as several vacant positions.

Currently we anticipate a deficit in the 200 account of approximately \$20,000, this deficit is due to Employee trainings. We are also projecting a deficit in the 400 account of approximately \$20,000, this deficit is mainly due to an increase in supplies related to COVID-19 as well as some expenses that we incurred in line items that had no funding such as Supplies Computer and Not otherwise classified.

Respectfully we request a transfer into the 200 account of 20,000 and a transfer into the 400 account of \$20,000 to cover the projected deficits.

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

Sincerely,



Joseph C. Cordeiro, Chief of Police

Cc: Ari Sky, CFO
Robert Ekstrom, Auditor