



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**  
**JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR**

May 20, 2021

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 **TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$12,000)** now standing to the credit of the account from **TREASURER SALARIES AND WAGES** be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

**CFO SALARIES AND WAGES..... \$12,000**

To be certified and approved by the Department Head

Sincerely,

Jon Mitchell  
Mayor



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## CITY COUNCIL

May 27, 2021

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**OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR**

**Robert W. Ekstrom**  
City Auditor

May 20, 2021

The Honorable Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor  
Members of the City Council  
City of New Bedford  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Re: Fiscal year 2021 account reconciliations

Over the course of fiscal year 2021, City management has taken steps to restrain the overall rate of expenditures incurrence, including continuation of the hiring slowdown and enforcement of cost controls in non-personnel accounts. Nevertheless, as in past years, several departments will require transfers prior to the end of the fiscal year to eliminate deficits resulting from excess expenditures.

The majority of deficits are being covered through intradepartmental appropriation transfers, such as from Salaries & Wages to Supplies & Materials. In these cases, the departments' overall budget will not change.

Five departments will require interdepartmental appropriation transfers in order to eliminate deficits. Failure to do so will require the City to raise funds to cover these deficits on the annual Tax Rate Recap in December. The two largest requiring deficit coverage are Fire for \$1,500,000 and Emergency Medical Services for \$277,000. In the Fire Department, Salaries & Wages will exceed budget principally due to overtime, which continues to exceed budget despite increases over the past several years. In EMS, vacant positions and coverage for injured employees have driven up both overtime and variable-time temporary labor. The remaining three departments requiring coverage are Tourism for \$23,000 from Community Services, the CFO's Office for \$12,000 from City Treasurer, and City Clerk for \$7,000 from City Council. Each providing department's declaration of surplus is included in the docket package.

If you have further questions, please feel to reach out to me by phone (508-979-1530) or email at [Robert.ekstrom@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:Robert.ekstrom@newbedford-ma.gov).

Sincerely,

Robert Ekstrom  
City Auditor



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**  
**OFFICE OF THE TREASURER**

**R. Renee Fernandes**  
Treasurer – Collector

**Mark P. Fuller**  
Assistant Treasurer

**Carole Days**  
Deputy Treasurer

**TO: Robert Ekstrom, Acting CFO**

**FROM: R. Renee Fernandes, Treasurer** 

**DATE: May 19, 2021**

**RE: 100 Account Surplus**

**Please be advised that I am declaring a surplus of \$45,000 in the Treasurer's 100 account. This is due primarily to the resignation of the tax title attorney and the lag time in the FY21 hiring process in Centralized Payroll.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**