

Reply to Common Council File No. 031021

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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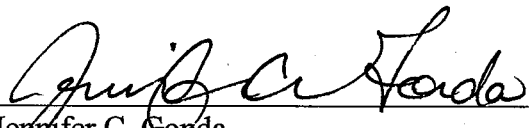
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Common Council File No. 031021 is a resolution appropriating \$46,895 from the 2003 Common Council Contingent Fund for payment of Milwaukee Police Association (MPA) Interest Arbitration expenses. If approved, this funding will be transferred to the Department of Employee Relations' Operating Expenditures account to offset the cost of these activities

When putting together the annual budget, it is difficult to predict whether the city will incur expenses for interest arbitration. The Labor Relations Section generally tries to settle contracts before they reach this point in the process. These costs are also difficult to estimate, depending on which labor union is involved and the length of arbitration. Therefore, costs for these purposes are typically appropriated from the Contingent Fund.

The department has already paid the expenses related to this purpose from its operating account. However, the amount remaining in this account is insufficient to pay for other operating expenses for the remainder of the year.

RECOMMENDATION: TRANSFER \$46,895 FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL CONTINGENT FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS' OPERATING EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT TO PAY FOR UNBUDGETED 2003 MPA INTEREST ARBITRATION EXPENSES.



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