

Reply to Common Council File No. 021575  
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

February 19, 2003

Ref: 03009(01)

Common Council File No. 021575 is a resolution appropriating \$4,295 from the 2003 Common Council Contingent Fund to the City Clerk's Special Purpose Account for City Memberships.

The City Memberships Special Purpose Account (SPA) funds the City of Milwaukee's membership in several professional and advocacy organizations. Organizations include the Wisconsin Alliance of Cities, National League of Cities, League of Wisconsin Municipalities, National Forum of Black Public Administrators, American Management Association, Government Finance Officers Association, and Public Policy Forum.

SPAs are budgeted centrally in appropriations separate from departmental accounts. Since fund transfers cannot occur between SPAs or between departmental budgets and SPAs, the Common Council Contingent Fund is the only source of supplemental funding if a SPA experiences a funding shortfall. Membership fees are set by the organizations and the City has no ability to reduce these fees.

The fiscal impact of this resolution is an expenditure of \$4,295 from the 2003 Contingent Fund, which has an appropriation of \$5 million for 2003. Failure to pay the fees will result in non-membership in the American Management Association, Government Finance Officers Association, and the Public Policy Forum.

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 021575.**



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