

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CONTINGENT FUND REQUEST INFORMATION FORM

DEPT.: Assesor's Office CONTACT PERSON & PHONE NO.: Mary Reavey – Assessment Commissioner X3101

A. REASON FOR REQUEST (Refer to File 921360 for definitions)

- CHECK ONE: EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES
 OBLIGATORY CIRCUMSTANCES
 FISCAL ADVANTAGE/COMPLIANCE WITH FISCAL MANAGEMENT PRINCIPALS

B. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. State the action requested, including the dollar amount and specific departmental accounts(s) to which the Contingent Fund appropriation would be made.

Requesting that \$475,682 be added to supplement the Remissions of Taxes Fund, Special Purpose Account 0001 Org 9990 Program 0001 Sub-class S163 Account 006300

2. State the purpose of the action requested which includes the program, service or activity to be supported by the funding, as well as the objective(s) to be accomplished.

This will allow a refund of Ad Valorum (Property) taxes and interest to be paid to a taxpayer. This refund is due as a result of reduced assessments made by the Board of Review.

3. Describe the circumstances which prompt the request.

This large reduction in assessment was not anticipated at the time of the budget. We are required by state statute to issue refunds as the taxpayer paid taxes based on its original assessment.

4. What are the consequences of not providing the program, service, or activity which is funded by this request?

Tax refunds not made in a timely manner result in additional interest. Interest is payable based on a rate of .8% per month, or 9.6% per year.

5. Explain why funds authorized in the Budget are insufficient to provide for the program, service, or activity in question.

This reduction was not anticipated.

5a. Are there any unexpended funds in the departmental control account for which this appropriation is requested, that could be used to fund this request?

No, the Remission of Taxes Fund does not have the funding available for this request.

5b. What are the consequences of using budgeted operating funds for this request?

This would cause immediate elimination of approximately 10 positions. We lost 9 positions in the 2004 budget.

6. State why funding was not included in the Budget.

This payback was unanticipated.

7. Will the conditions prompting the request be limited to the current year, or will they continue into the following year?

Limited to the current year. All funding for typical refunds will be included in the 2005 budget.

8. Has your department made a similar Contingent Fund request in previous years? YES NO

*If yes, what is the most recent year the request was made? 1998

9. Will this funding be used to implement provisions of a collective bargaining agreement? YES NO

10. Will the funding being requested provide a level of service authorized by the Budget? YES NO

*If yes, why can't your department accomplish the authorized service level with the authorized funding level?

11. Will the requested funding provide a level of service higher than that authorized by the Budget? YES NO

*If yes, why is a higher service level necessary?

*What is the estimated amount of additional service units to be provided if the entire Contingent Fund request is approved?

N.A.

12. What performance measures and sub-measures are affected by this request, and what are the anticipated changes if the entire Contingent Fund request is approved?

N. A.

13. What reductions to performance measures are expected if the request is not approved?

N. A.

14. Is any grant funding associated with the program service, or activity pertaining to the request? YES NO

*If yes, name the grant and current year amount.

15. Will the program, service, or activity affect any electronic data processing system? YES NO

The following questions only apply to Contingent Fund requests which transfer appropriations into capital purpose accounts:

16. Does this request transfer an appropriation into a capital purpose subaccount? YES NO

*If yes, are similar projects planned and funding available in a capital purpose (parent) account for the current year?

17. Why is the project for which Contingent Funds are requested more important than other similar projects?

18. Does this request fund a project outside the normal order of planned projects of a kind which are funded through a capital purpose (parent) account for the current year? YES NO

*If yes, what is the consequence of deferring the lowest priority planned project until next year?

19. Was this project included in the Department's Budget request?

YES NO

*If not, why not?

**If you have any questions about the completion of this form, you may call the
Fiscal Research Manager at extension 8686.**

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