

Reply to Common Council File No. 060093  
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Ref: BF 07-3A

Common Council File 060093 is a resolution appropriating \$143,000 from the 2006 Common Council Contingent Fund for the implementation of a skilled trades training certification and apprenticeship/employment placement program.

The 2006 proposed budget was amended by the Common Council to provide \$143,000 of debt financed expenditure authority in three capital accounts for a training and certification program for specific skilled trades for Milwaukee residents. The capital accounts include Expansion of Capacity Sewer Program, Street Improvements Street Lighting, and Environmental Remediation Program. The amendment assigned responsibility for program administration to the Department of Administration (DOA).

DOA has determined that a debt financing approach limits flexibility in providing cost effective training and job placement is more expensive than a cash financing approach. The resolution will provide cash financing and more flexibility. If the resolution is approved, the program will include a cooperation agreement with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for the implementation of training, certification, and placement in apprenticeship and employment of Milwaukee residents. The program will include placement in city capital projects and employment with other private and public sector organizations.

Implementing the program will require a transfer of \$143,000 from the Contingent Fund to a new special fund under DOA's control. The current balance of the 2006 Contingent Fund is \$4.8 million, or 87% of the appropriation of \$5.5 million.

**RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT THE FILE.**

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