

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
CONTINGENT FUND REQUEST INFORMATION FORM

DEPT.: Common Council CONTACT PERSON & PHONE NO.: Richard Watt, x2253

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.

The sponsor requests that \$700,000 from the 2010 Common Council Contingent Fund be transferred to the Police Department's Equipment Purchase Account for the purchase of digital radios for the Milwaukee Police Department.

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 amount, along with an anticipated \$900,000 appropriation from the Police Department Asset Forfeiture funds, will provide the \$1.6 million required to purchase 450 radios for the Police Department, completing the outfitting of every field officer requiring a radio with an OpenSky handheld digital radio.

3. Describe the circumstances which prompt the request.

Initiative of the alderman to accelerate the process of converting its radio communications from a conventional two-way analog wireless system to a trunked digital control system.

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

The conversion will not be completed until adequate funds are available in the Police Department Asset Forfeiture fund in 2011.

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

There are no funds explicitly budgeted for the this purpose in the 2010 City budget and the Police Department Asset Forfeiture funds can not support the full cost of this project in 2010.

- 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

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

Using department funds would cause a shortage in the Police Department's operating budget.

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

Funding for the completion of the radio conversion was a use not budgeted for this year.

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

Conditions prompting request will be limited to the current year.

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?

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?

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?

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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?

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