

File #011251 is a resolution appropriating monies from the 2001 Common Council Contingent Fund to the Fire Department's Operating Expenditures Account for the purpose of funding the Fire Fighting clothing commissary.

**Background and Discussion**

1. The term Commissary is synonymous with "fire fighter clothing replacement", "fire fighter [safety] clothing equipment replacement" and "fire fighter clothing replacement schedule".
2. Mandated by State Department of Commerce regulation Section Comm. 30.11, the Fire Department is required to provide appropriate safety equipment to its employees (fire fighters). Costs of the State mandated commissary system were not available upon adoption of the 2001 budget.
3. In April 2001, the DOA-Budget and Management Division provided the following 3-year project cost estimates: \$405,850 in 2001, \$388,850 in both 2002 and 2003 (based on contract prices).
4. Per DOA-Budget and Management, the fiscal impact of the commissary system totaled \$372,253 in 2001, approximately 91.7% of the projected \$405,850.
5. The Fire Department's 2001 operating budget provided \$24,071,729 for expenditures other than salaries, wages and fringe benefits. The Fire Department tried to absorb as much of the 2001 commissary system costs as possible in its 2001 operating budget. Accordingly, funding is short \$140,000 despite the Department's efforts.
6. This resolution provides \$140,000 of Common Council Contingent Funds to pay some 2001 commissary system costs. According to DOA-Budget and Management, these funds are needed to pay outstanding invoices related to year 2001 costs of implementing the first year of the fire fighting commissary system.
7. The Fire Department's 2002 budget includes funding for the 2002 commissary system costs.

**Fiscal Impact**

1. This file authorizes a \$140,000 appropriation to the Fire Department Operating Expenditure Account via a fund transfer from the 2001 Common Council Contingent Fund.
2. The Contingent Fund Balance on January 11, 2002 was \$1,777,766.
3. If this file is approved, the balance in the 2001 Common Council Contingent Fund will be \$1,637,766.

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