

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
CONTINGENT FUND REQUEST INFORMATION FORM

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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.

Provide additional funding for the remission of taxes. The account is estimated to be short \$560,000. The Assessor's Office provided a list taxes that need to be remitted to property owners.

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 is part of the assessment process. When assessments are challenged and taxes have been on that assessment and the city is found to have an incorrect assessment, then the city is required by law to reimburse the property owner the amount of extra taxes paid.

3. Describe the circumstances which prompt the request.

The remission of taxes account has used up its funding for 2003. By providing this funding the city will lower its interest payments and pay off remitting taxes that are obligated to be paid back.

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

This is an obligation. The city would eventually be violating state law.

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

The department has been clearing up its backlog cases to prepare for annual assessments. Unfortunately the city found that it needed to payback more that what was originally thought.

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?

This will only create a shortage in over accounts.

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

Did not know the exact amount needed to remit. It varies on an annual basis and removing the backlog added cost originally not anticipated.

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

Should be for the current year only.

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?

Costs were higher than anticipated.

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?

None.

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

None.

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.

C. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION. PLEASE SEND COPIES OF YOUR RESPONSE TO:

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