

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
CITY OF LOWELL

VOTE

IN CITY COUNCIL:

ORDER,

To transfer funds for payments associated with worker's compensation payments for school employees and active public safety city employees.

ORDERED,

By the City Council of the City of Lowell, as follows:

That the amount of **Two Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand and 00/100 (\$287,000.00) Dollars** be transferred:

FROM: Unclassified, as more fully described in "Attachment A"

TO: Police/Fire – Active and Worker's Comp. - School, as more fully described in "Attachment A"

ORDER RECOMMENDED AND INTRODUCED BY:




Thomas A. Golden, Jr., City Manager



Conor Baldwin
 Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas A. Golden, Jr., City Manager
FROM: Conor Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer 
CC: Christine O'Connor, City Solicitor
DATE: June 10, 2022
SUBJECT: Law Department Transfer – Worker’s Compensation

City Solicitor Christine O'Connor has sent along a request to transfer supplemental funds into the accounts budgeted for payments associated with worker’s compensation payments for school department employees, as well as for active public safety city employees. The funding needs are associated with a spike in claims related to and increased number of surgeries this year for school employees, as well as for police and fire employees. The requested amount of funding will carry these costs through the end of the fiscal year and will bring the FY2022 total to approximately \$650,000 for police and fire and \$885,000 for schools.

The funding to satisfy the transfer needs has been identified by the finance department from the Manager’s Contingency/ reserve for wages.

Below is a summary of the impacted accounts:

	Account Name	Original Budget	Previous Transfers	Revised Budget	YTD Expenditures (Actual)	Encumbrances	Balance Before Transfer	Transfer	Balance After Transfer
Transfer TO:									
TO:	1. Police/ Fire Active W/C - LAW	\$ 250,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 398,439	\$ -	\$ 1,561	\$ 253,000	\$ 254,561
TO:	2. Worker's Comp - Schools - LAW	\$ 725,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 875,000	\$ 850,243	\$ -	\$ 24,757	\$ 34,000	\$ 58,757
Transfer FROM:									
FROM:	1. Manager's Contingency - Wages	\$ 296,317	\$ -	\$ 296,317	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 296,317	\$ (287,000)	\$ 9,317



Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

June 10, 2022

Mayor Sokhary Chau
And
Members of the Lowell City Council

Dear Mayor Chau and Members of the Lowell City Council,

I am hereby requesting that the City Council vote to transfer \$287,000 into the Law Department budget for the school department, as well as for public safety personnel claims from the contingency budget in the City Manager's Department. The City Solicitor has worked with the CFO and finance team to identify these existing funds to support additional costs associated with increased surgeries and medical expenses FY2022. It is important to note that this transfer will add no additional burden to the tax levy.

Enclosed is a memo from the Chief Financial Officer, which further details and analyzes the transfer. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

Cc: Conor Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer
Christine O'Connor, City Solicitor