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Approved by Fiscal Committee 2/1/13 Date

The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Requested Action

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a VI, the Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services, requests authorization to budget and expend $156,000.00 of the prior year carry forward balance in the Fire Standards and EMS Fund account to fund Retiree Health Insurance benefits. Effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2013. Funding source: 100% Revolving Funds.

Funds are available in SFY2013 in the following account:

02-23-23-237010-82750000 Dept. of Safety – Division of FST&EMS – Fire Standards & EMS Fund

Class	Description	SFY 2013 Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	SFY 2013 Revised Adjusted Authorized
003-407470	Revolving Funds	($420,000.00)	($156,000.00)	($576,000.00)
044-500400	Debt Service	320,000.00	0.00	320,000.00
046-500463	Consultants	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00
064-500540	Retiree Health Ins	0.00	156,000.00	156,000.00
	Org 8275 Totals	$420,000.00	$156,000.00	$576,000.00

Explanation

The Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services and the Division of Fire Safety are requesting funding budgeted from their balance forward for Retiree Health Insurance benefits because there have been an unforeseen number of retirees that were not accounted for in the budget process.

RSA 21-P:12-d Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services Fund states, "There is established in the office of the state treasurer a separate, nonlapsing fund to be known as the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund from which the state treasurer shall pay expenses incurred in the administration of the division of fire standards and training and emergency medical services, under RSA 21-P:12-a, the division of fire safety, under RSA 21-P:12, the division of homeland security and emergency management, and the position of fireworks inspector, under RSA 160-C:17." Therefore,

funding for the retiree health expenses incurred by Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services and the Division of Fire Safety needs to be paid from the Fire Standards and EMS fund.

Class 064 The funds will be used to pay for retiree health insurance benefits.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Barthelmes
Commissioner of Safety

Fiscal Situation
Fire & EMS Fund
Account 02-23-23-2370-8275

Beginning Balance July 1, 2012	$4,083,226.00
SFY 2013 Estimated Revenue (based on SFY12 actuals)	$8,800,000.00
Total Available SFY 2013	$12,883,226.00
Appropriations funded from this fund (maximum)	
2740 Emergency Management Admin	($453,530.00)
4065 Fire Standards & EMS Admin	($5,361,601.00)
5002 Fire Safety Admin	($2,106,378.00)
4004 State Overhead Charges	($96,000.00)
3323 Poison Control	($150,000.00)
8013 Workers Compensation	($1,376.00)
8590 Unemployment Compensation	($1,000.00)
8275 Fire Standards & Training Emer Med Fund	($420,000.00)
Total Appropriations Funded SFY 2013	($8,589,885.00)
Projected Balance June 30, 2013	**$4,293,341.00**
Amount of this Request	**$156,000.00**

**This projection is using gross appropriations and does not project year end lapses.*

TITLE I
THE STATE AND ITS GOVERNMENT

CHAPTER 14
LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND PROCEEDINGS

Legislative Budget Assistant

Section 14:30-a

14:30-a Fiscal Committee. –

I. There is hereby established a fiscal committee of the general court. Said committee shall consist of 10 members. Five shall be members of the house as follows: the chairperson of the finance committee and 2 other members of the committee, appointed by the chairperson; and 2 other house members appointed by the speaker of the house. Five members shall be members of the senate as follows: the chairperson of the finance committee and 2 other members of that committee, appointed by the chairperson; and 2 other senators appointed by the senate president. The chairperson of the house finance committee shall be the chairperson of the fiscal committee.

II. The committee shall, while the general court is in session and during the interim, consult with, assist, advise, and supervise the work of the legislative budget assistant, and may at its discretion investigate and consider any matter relative to the appropriations, expenditures, finances, revenues or any of the fiscal matters of the state. The members shall be paid the regular legislative mileage during the interim while engaged in their work as members of the committee.

III. The fiscal committee shall consider recommendations proposed to it by the legislative performance audit and oversight committee established under RSA 17-N:1. The fiscal committee shall adopt all recommendations proposed to it as provided in RSA 17-N:1, III by the performance audit and oversight committee unless the fiscal committee refuses by unanimous vote to adopt such recommendations.

IV. [Repealed.]

V. [Repealed.]

VI. Any non-state funds in excess of $100,000, whether public or private, including refunds of expenditures, federal aid, local funds, gifts, bequests, grants, and funds from any other non-state source, which under state law require the approval of governor and council for acceptance and expenditure, may be accepted and expended by the proper persons or agencies in the state government only with the prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court.

Source. 1965, 239:19. 1987, 416:7. 1989, 396:13; 408:2. 1991, 346:18, I. 1995, 9:8. 2005, 177:11. 2006, 290:21, eff. June 15, 2006. 2012, 247:10, eff. Aug. 17, 2012.

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CHAPTER 21-P
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

General Provisions

Section 21-P:12-d

21-P:12-d Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services Fund. – There is established in the office of the state treasurer a separate, nonlapsing fund to be known as the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund from which the state treasurer shall pay expenses incurred in the administration of the division of fire standards and training and emergency medical services, under RSA 21-P:12-a, the division of fire safety, under RSA 21-P:12, the division of homeland security and emergency management, and the position of fireworks inspector, under RSA 160-C:17.

Source. 2001, 91:4. 2003, 248:1. 2004, 171:27. 2008, 192:4, eff. June 11, 2008; 361:16, eff. June 11, 2008 at 12:01 a.m. 2012, 247:14, eff. Aug. 17, 2012.