



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT FY 2024 TRANSFER/APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Department: Department of Public Services

Submitted by: Wayne Amaral, Director

Date Submitted: 2/26/2024

Transfer From:

Account Name:	<u>Sewer Retained Earnings</u>	Balance:	<u>\$ 1,718,972.92</u>
Account Number:	<u>61-35920</u>	Category:	<u>\$ -</u>
Amount:	<u>\$18,000.00</u>	Trans I/O:	<u>\$ (54,588.08)</u>

Why Funds Are Available:

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue certified Retained Earnings for the Sewer Enterprise Fund for FY2024 at \$1,773,561. These funds are available for any legal expenditure with the approval of the Mayor and a majority vote of the City Council.

Transfer To:

Account Name:	<u>Sewer OPM Services</u>	Balance:	<u>\$ -</u>
Account Number:	<u>New Account</u>	Category:	<u>\$ 664,501.97</u>
Amount:	<u>\$18,000.00</u>	Trans I/O:	<u>\$ -</u>

Why Funds Are Needed:

To hire an owner's project manager (OPM) consultant who will assist the department with planning, oversight and management of capital projects. See attached explanatory memo.

Sean R. Reardon, Mayor:

Sean R. Reardon

Date: 2/21/2024

Ethan R. Manning, Auditor:

Ethan R. Manning

Date: 2/20/2024

City Council Action:



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SEAN R. REARDON, MAYOR

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To: President and Members of the City Council
From: Mayor Sean R. Reardon
Date: February 20, 2024
Subject: Water/Sewer OPM Funding Request

At its December 6, 2023 meeting, the Water and Sewer Commission recommended an appropriation to hire an Owners Project Manager (OPM) consultant. The OPM would play a critical role in providing independent oversight for both divisions and supporting DPS staff in managing current and future small, medium, and capital projects. While we have worked with many firms over the years and believe we have contracted some of the best in the industry for technical support, the complexity and cost of our current and future investments necessitate an OPM solely focused on the city's interests.

The proposed OPM will closely collaborate with DPS on short-term and long-term capital projects, including setting goals, developing plans, finding potential funding sources, assisting with consultant oversight, reviewing cost estimates, and managing community outreach and communications.

Potential projects the OPM will assist with include:

Water Division Projects

- Downtown Infrastructure Evaluation Survey Program
- Amesbury Interconnect Project
- Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project (PFAS Improvements)
- Indian Hill Raw Water Transmission Line Project
- Watershed Quality Improvement Program
- Lower Dam Project
- Dredging of the Upper and Lower Artichoke

Sewer Division Projects

- Downtown Infrastructure Evaluation Survey Program
- WWTF Flood Protection Sidewalk Project
- WWTF Clarifier Upgrade Project
- Ocean Avenue Lift Station Relocation Project
- Graf Road Lift Station Upgrades
- Storey Avenue Pump Station Replacement Project