



Legislation Text

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This amendment provides \$15,000 in funding from the Contingent Reserve to the Mayor's Office operating budget for the purchase of services from an agency or organization to deliver emergency travel assistance to full-service grocery to qualified residents of the Allied and Dunn's Marsh neighborhoods.

Funding of \$15,000 is available in the 2015 adopted City operating budget, which has appropriated \$1,200,000 in funding for the Contingent Reserve. The current, uncommitted balance of the Contingent Reserve is \$1,163,000, which will be reduced to \$1,148,000 upon adoption of this amendment. There is no net impact on the tax levy.

The 2015 City operating budget will be amended as follows:

(\$15,000) - Reduce Contingent Reserve
\$15,000 - Increase Consulting Services Expense: Mayor's Office

Amending the 2015 operating budget to appropriate \$15,000 from the Contingent Reserve to the Mayor's Office, and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract to purchase the services of an agency or organization to deliver emergency travel assistance to full-service grocery to qualified residents of the Allied and Dunn's Marsh neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, in October 2014, Mayor Soglin directed staff to begin exploring options to secure a full-service food retailer located adjacent to the Allied Drive neighborhood; and,

WHEREAS, in November 2014, the Common Council adopted a resolution that officially created an Allied Neighborhood Staff Team that would work to improve conditions in the neighborhood within three priority areas: access to full-service affordable grocery, additional services and/or centers, and economic development planning; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council requested staff to deliver a report by December 15, 2014, that outlined aggressive options to secure an affordable full-service grocery to the Allied Drive/Verona Road Commercial district; and,

WHEREAS, the staff report dated December 15, 2014, recommended three strategies to both secure an affordable full-service grocery and to alleviate the short-term impact of the former Walgreens closing on food access on residents, especially those without a vehicle; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council unanimously accepted the staff report on January 20, 2015, where one of the recommendations called for \$15,000 to be distributed to a community provider that would be able to identify families and individuals in need of transportation to a full-service grocery; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor designee of the Finance Director is authorized to execute a contract to purchase the services of an agency or organization to deliver emergency travel assistance to full-service grocery to qualified residents of the Allied and Dunn's Marsh neighborhoods.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds shall be allocated from Contingent Reserve in the amount up to, but not to exceed, \$15,000 to the Mayor's Office 2015 Operating Budget for the purposes of executing said

contract.

BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that the progress of the funds, families served, and an update on the program will be provided to Mayor and Common Council by July 15, 2015.