

6-16-2016 FINANCE, PERSONNEL AND AUDIT COMMITTEE APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS  
 E UNALLOCATED CONTINGENCY

Action Required

Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee  
 County Board (2/3 Vote)

WHEREAS, departmental requests for transfers within their own accounts have been received by the Department of Administrative Services, Fiscal Affairs, and the Director finds that the best interests of Milwaukee County will be served by allowance of such transfers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director, Department of Administrative Services, is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2016 appropriations of the respective listed departments:

1)	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<u>Appropriation for Contingencies</u>		
8901 – Appropriation for Contingency	\$472,000	
<u>Mitchell Park Domes Mesh Installation (WP49002)</u>		
8509 – Major Maintenance - Bldg (Exp)		\$352,000
<u>Mitchell Park Domes Long-Term Planning (WP49003)</u>		
8902 – Allocated Contingency		\$120,000

**# Existing Project, + Included in 5-Year Plan, \* New Project**

An appropriation transfer of \$472,000 is requested by the Director of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and the Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation, & Culture (Parks) to allocate \$472,000 from the appropriation for contingencies to the Mitchell Park Domes Planning/Netting capital project (WP49001).

The Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting on June 16, 2016, amended this appropriation transfer to rename Project WP490 Mitchell Park Domes Planning/Netting to WP490 Mitchell Park Domes with the following sub-projects:

- WP49001 – Mitchell Park Domes Short-term Planning/Investigation
- WP49002 – Mitchell Park Domes Mesh Installation
- WP49003 – Mitchell Park Domes Long-Term Planning

In addition, \$120,000 is placed into an allocated contingency account within Sub-Project WP49003 – Mitchell Park Domes Long-Term Planning to ensure that planning funds are available to the public task force that was created earlier this year to develop a comprehensive long-term plan for the Domes, per File No. 16-200.

Resolution File Nos. 15-601 and 15-626 were approved in September 2015, establishing capital project WP49001 - Mitchell Park Domes. Cash financing was provided from the County's Debt Service Reserve Fund for a protective netting system in the amount of \$400,000, in addition to funding for long-term planning options in the amount of \$100,000 for a total of \$500,000. As the project's scope and cost was better defined, the Departments of Administrative Services - Architecture & Engineering (A&E) and

Parks staff determined that additional estimated funding of \$500,000 was required for the protective mesh system (for the Show Dome) and long-term planning options. County Board File No. 16-200, adopted March 17, 2016, provided an additional \$500,000 from the Appropriation for Contingencies (Org. Unit 1945) to the Mitchell Park Domes project. The resolution also established an eleven member task force (“Domes Task Force”) comprised of representatives of the administration and legislative branches as well as key community stakeholders to develop a long-term plan due later in 2016.

The mesh was first installed in the Show Dome, as it provides a number of revenue generating activities (i.e. weddings, special events, etc.). In addition, the Show Dome has significantly less plant and foliage obstructions when compared to the Arid and Tropical domes. Lastly, installing the mesh first in the Show Dome allowed staff to better understand what the actual costs of installation would be, and therefore, provide a more accurate estimate for the Arid and Tropical Domes installation.

The mesh for the Show Dome has been installed and is now open. The project currently has adequate funding to begin installation of the mesh for the Tropical Dome with work anticipated to begin in June.

DAS - A&E staff indicates that an appropriation transfer in the amount of \$472,000 is required to install the mesh in the Arid Dome and continue the long-range planning process. If the transfer is approved, installation will begin in July and is estimated to be completed in mid-late October 2016.

A total of \$150,000 in long-term planning funds are earmarked for this project, with \$30,000 already encumbered with Graef for public involvement. It is anticipated that the remaining planning funds of \$120,000 will be used to assist in data gathering and continued public involvement to explore options that are requested by the Domes Task Force. The remaining planning funds, \$120,000, will be held in an allocated contingency account within Sub-Project WP49003 Mitchell Park Domes Long-Term Planning and will require County Board approval to release. It is expected that the monies shall be released based on a request to the County Board from the Domes Task Force, submitted on their behalf by the Parks Director, on how the planning monies shall be used to help inform their recommendation. It should be noted that a separate contract for \$29,500 is also encumbered with Graef to update their 2008 report on repairing or replacing the Domes. It is the policy of Milwaukee County that the Domes Task Force shall have access to all reports and information related to the Mitchell Park Domes during the course of its deliberations.

This fund transfer has no tax levy impact.

**TRANSFER SIGNED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MAY 25, 2016. AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND AUDIT ON JUNE 16, 2016.**