

Submitted by: Assemblymember Shamberg

Prepared by: Department of Assembly

For reading: November 9, 2004

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Date: 11-9-04 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2004-282

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY REVISING THE 2004 GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$53,150) FROM AREAWIDE GENERAL FUND (101) BALANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ASSEMBLY TO COVER THE COSTS FOR THE 2004 INDEPENDENT AUDIT

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

Section 1: That the 2004 General Government Operating Budget is revised by appropriating Fifty-three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$53,150) from Areawide General Fund (101) Balance to the Department of Assembly.

Section 2: That this appropriation is to provide funding to cover the cost of the 2004 Independent Financial Audit.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 9th day of November, 2004.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATION: \$53,150
Assembly



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

NO. AM 825-2004

Meeting Date: November 9, 2004

From: Assemblymember Shamberg

Subject: **APPROPRIATING \$53,150 FROM AREAWIDE GENERAL FUND (101)
BALANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ASSEMBLY TO COVER THE
COST FOR THE 2004 INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDIT**

The current contract with the independent auditors expired with the completion of the 2003 audit. Through the Request for Proposal process, a review team was established to review submitted proposals and a firm was selected to perform the audit for the years 2004, 2005, and 2006. During the 2004 budget process, \$140,000 was appropriated for the 2004 audit, but the actual contract cost is \$193,150.

In addition, the RFP Selection Review Team requested cost proposals based on two options: (1) opinions on the basic financial statements and (2) maintaining the current audit level which included auditing at the individual funds. The Team chose to select Alternative #1 because it would not change the availability of financial information prepared by Municipal staff or the financial reporting provided by the Municipality of Anchorage and, at the same time, save more than \$25,000 annually.

This alternative will change the nature and extent of audit procedures performed by our external auditors as it relates to non-major governmental and enterprise fund activity only. This financial activity will still be subject to audit procedures applied on an aggregate level, rather than on a separate individual fund level.

There will be no effect upon the nature and extent of auditing procedures applied to major fund activity. During fiscal year 2003, in addition to the General Governmental Fund which by definition is always a major fund, the Municipality of Anchorage Trust Fund, AWWU utility group, and MLP utility group were considered major funds. As such, the selection of this alternative would not have had any affect upon auditing procedures performed on these funds. During future fiscal periods, we anticipate these funds will continue to be considered as major funds based upon their levels of financial activity.

Listed below is the necessary funding information.

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<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
101-0740	Areawide General Fund Balance	\$53,150
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
101-1040-3101	Professional Services	\$53,150

Your approval of this appropriation is requested.

Prepared by: Elvi Gray-Jackson, Director-Assembly Budget and Legislative Services

Fund Certification: Jeffrey E. Sinz, Chief Fiscal Officer

101-0740 - \$53,150 (Areawide General Fund Balance)

Respectfully submitted: Assemblymember Shamberg

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