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# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

April 16, 1975

The President

of the Senate

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Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider proposed supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1975 in the amount of \$52,008,500 in District of Columbia funds for the District of Columbia.

The details of the proposal are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, with whose comments I concur.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure

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#### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

April 16, 1975

The President

The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration proposed supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1975 in the amount of \$52,008,500 in District of Columbia funds for the District of Columbia.

The proposed supplemental would provide for unforeseen and necessary amounts for operating expenses for the District of Columbia. The fiscal year 1976 budget included a fiscal year 1975 supplemental request for the District of Columbia of \$8,800,000, which is the balance of the authorized 1975 Federal payment of \$230,000,000. These further requests are consistent with that request and do not require additional Federal funds. This supplemental precedes transmittal to you of the fiscal year 1976 budget of the District of Columbia in order to allow early consideration of amounts necessary for the balance of fiscal year 1975.

The supplemental request consists of increased costs of pay for District employees, unemployment compensation, and settlements of claims and suits against the District of Columbia. Also included are substantial increases in the costs of fuel oil, electrical energy, and other utilities used by the City.

Details of these proposed supplementals are contained in the enclosure to this letter. I have carefully reviewed the proposals for appropriations contained in this document and am satisfied that these requests are necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that they be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,

Enclosure

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT

## SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST, FISCAL YEAR 1975

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FUNDS

## General Operating Expenses

For an additional amount for "General operating expenses", \$1,021,000.

The request is a result of increased utility costs, higher than anticipated unemployment compensation benefits and increased contract management costs.

# Public Safety

For an additional amount for "Public safety", \$2,284,600.

The proposed supplemental would provide for higher than anticipated utility, gasoline and overtime costs, and additional amounts for Federal reimbursements for the care and custody of District of Columbia code violators. In addition, funding is requested to supplement amounts available for witness fees, postage, telephone switching equipment, printing, building maintenance and employee health benefits.

# Education

For an additional amount for "Education", \$1,792,800.

Funds are requested for increased utility costs and unanticipated increases in space rental and maintenance and equipment rental and maintenance. In addition, funding is requested to provide for reclassification authorized under the Teacher Salary Act Amendments of 1974 and additional amounts for special education tuition grants.

#### Human Resources

For an additional amount for "Human resources", \$1,733,500.

This amount requested is to meet higher than anticipated utility costs.

# Highways and Traffic

For an additional amount for "Highways and traffic", \$605,000, of which \$305,000 shall be payable from the highway fund.

The proposed increase would provide funding for increased electrical energy costs.

## Environmental Services

For an additional amount for "Environmental services", \$1,300,000, of which \$600,000 shall be payable from the water fund, and \$500,000 from the sanitary sewage works fund.

The amount requested is to meet higher than anticipated costs for electricity, fuel oil and water treatment chemicals.

## Settlement of Claims and Suits

For an additional amount for "Settlement of claims and suits", \$166,300.

This amount is for the payment of claims that have been settled by the Corporation Counsel and approved by the Mayor.

## Increased Pay Costs

"General operating expenses", \$1,825,100, of which \$21,500 shall be payable from the highway fund (including \$5,300 from the motor vehicle parking account), \$3,600 from the water fund, and \$1,400 from the sanitary sewage works fund;

"Public safety", \$20,369,200, of which \$979,200 shall be payable from the highway fund;

"Education", \$12,055,100; "Recreation", \$496,700;

"Human resources", \$3,980,800;

"Highways and traffic", \$801,400, of which \$609,900 shall be payable from the highway fund (including \$14,700 from the motor vehicle parking account);

"Environmental services", \$3,577,000, of which \$851,700 shall be payable from the water fund, \$1,176,600 from the sanitary sewage works fund, and \$30,500 from the metropolitan area sanitary sewage works fund.

The amount requested is to provide funding for increased pay costs, authorized as follows:

Police, Fire, and Teachers as approved by Public Law 93-407, dated 9/3/74

Classified employees, as approved by Executive Order 11811 of 10/7/74

Wage board employees, as approved by Wage Orders No. 74-8 and No. 74-9 of 7/10/74, No. 74-11 of 7/12/74 and No. 74-20 of 11/6/74

Public School Cafeteria employees, as approved by Wage Order No. 74-10 of 7/10/74 and No. 74-21 of 11/6/74