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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: General Fund Contingency Request of \$347,743 for increased Uniformed PERS costs for Deputy District Attorneys for FY 2024 (Budget Modification DA-003-24)

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As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, all deputy district attorney classifications change from non-uniformed PERS to uniformed-PERS status as a result of House Bill 2054. The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office is requesting \$347,743 in General Fund Contingency earmarked for the increased PERS costs. This contingency funding will be one-time-only for FY 2024. The Uniformed PERS change has been incorporated into the District Attorney's office ongoing personnel funding forecast in FY 2025 and beyond.

Per the FY 2024 Adopted budget, the General Fund **earmarked** contingency balance for the Uniformed PERS classification change is \$700,000. This contingency funding is related to the Deputy District Attorney Uniformed PERS budget note. The District Attorney's Office will provide an update on the budget note to the Board on November 9th. If this request is approved, the remaining contingency balance will be \$352,257. This balance may be allocated by the Board for other purposes in FY 2024.

The additional General Fund **non-earmarked** contingency for uncertainty balance will remain at \$29,490. The **"regular"** General Fund **non-earmarked** contingency balance will remain at \$2,000,000.

### **General Fund Contingency Policy Compliance**

The Budget Office is required to inform the Board if contingency requests submitted for approval satisfy the guidelines for using the General Fund Contingency.

In particular,

- Criteria 1 states contingency requests should be for one-time-only purposes.  
**This contingency request is one-time-only in FY 2024. Related ongoing personnel costs will be built into the General Fund Forecast and the DA's General Fund Allocation.**
- Criteria 2 addresses emergencies and unanticipated situations.  
**House Bill 2054 was anticipated but its passing was not certain. The County's FY 2024 adopted budget included earmarked contingency in the event the bill passed during this legislative session.**
- Criteria 3 addresses items identified in Board Budget Notes.

**This item was identified in a specific Budget Note.**