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Supplemental FY24 Budget Request

Internal Audit Department

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Within the next two weeks, 2 Forensic Auditors will be joining the Internal Audit Department. With significant disparity between the position requirements and the related salary range, it has been necessary to recruit ambitious talent, with a conditional compensation incentive for the completion of the Certified Fraud Examiner credential.

In recent months, it's been noted that several departments haven't had a visit from Internal Audit in 8-10 years. Admittedly, every department doesn't have the same risk exposure. Currently, there are authorized audit projects that date back to October of 2019. We're certainly going to be rather busy in the short-term, but will also be working on a Risk-Based Master Plan for all CCG departments, resulting in future scheduling of CCG departments based upon their risk-profile.

In consideration of the anticipated departmental workload in the FY24 year, I'm requesting funding for the following supplemental requests, and would appreciate your thoughtful consideration:

- Car Allowance for Donna McGinnis
- One additional FTE-Forensic Auditor (starting salary \$58,905.38)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party Whistleblower Hotline Service-Lighthouse Services
- Additional continuing education funds to credential 3 FTEs, at \$1,409.33 each.

The credentialing process through the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners includes \$210 for Associate Membership, \$849.60 for Examination Prep Materials, culminating in the credentialing exam for \$350.

We certainly have very busy days ahead-thanks so much for your thoughtful consideration!