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To: Finance Committee
Re: Detective Pay

I would like to increase line item 50001 (Deputy/Clerk Hire) from \$597,400 to \$602,018. This increase of \$4,618 is to account for the increase in the specialized position of Detective. We created this position in 2021 and began employing it in 2022. When this position was created, I underestimated the need for it and did not designate a wage increase that was a fair representation of the value that position is worth. The last two years have shown just how valuable having a beneficial investigator on staff is to the agency and the communities. The amount of cases we have been able to follow up on with a Detective having the time and ability to do so is impressive. Our agency's ability to be successful in investigating crimes and better serve our communities with a Detective derived from multiple avenues:

1. **Specialized Training:** The Detective fulfills the legal mandate we have that only officers certified in certain specialized training investigate those crimes. (I.E. Lead Homicide Investigator, Sexual Assault Investigator, Juvenile Law Enforcement Ofc.).
 - The Detective is also a certified crime scene technician which gives us the ability to process our own crimes scene without being reliant on the Illinois State Police.
 - The Detective is also certified as an instructor in Patrol Rifle, Patrol Pistol, High Risk Traffic Stop, and VirTra Simulation which gives us the ability to conduct our own in-house trainings with ILETSB accreditations without being reliant on the MTU or outside agencies with such Instructors.
 - Legislative Updates are ever changing and effect the way in which law enforcement can/shall investigate a crime. The Detectives presence in training keeps us abreast on how certain crimes are investigated.