



# Burlington Fire Department

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TO: Members of the Burlington Board of Finance and City Council

FROM: Lise E. Veronneau, Business Administrator  
**BURLINGTON FIRE & POLICE DEPARTMENTS**

DATE: October 18, 2013

RE: FY 14 Contribution to VNA

This is a request for a budget amendment to use **\$106,760** from the FIRE Department budget line item Billing Services, account 101-15-041-8000, to make the annual contribution for indigent care provided by the Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties, Inc. (VNA), a health care benefit corporation organized under the laws of Vermont, with principal offices at 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, Vermont 05446. The Clerk Treasurer's Office will create a new expenditure line in the budget once this request has been approved.

The FY 14 Budget was approved with these funds allocated specifically for this purpose as agreed between the Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Burlington and the VNA.

In FY 14, the City's contribution for indigent care was separated out of the ambulance billing services agreement for clarity. The ambulance billing agreement has been and will be negotiated separately going forward.

A resolution for the City Council to authorize this payment is being drafted in concert with the City Attorney.

CC: Rich Goodwin, COB Asst CAO of Finance

Sponsor: BOF  
CC Agenda:

Resolution Related To

Authorization to Amend the Fire Department Budget to Account for Burlington's Annual Contribution for Indigent Care Provided by the Visiting Nurse Association

WHEREAS, the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) provides significant and important visiting nurse and related health care services to resident of Burlington, including those who are indigent; and

WHEREAS, the city of Burlington has for many decades made annual contributions to the VNA to help it pay for the care it provides to indigent people in our city, the last ; and

WHEREAS, the system for making this contribution was changed in FY 13 to separate the City's indigent care contribution to the VNA from City's ambulance billing contract with the VNA; and

WHEREAS, although the FY 14 Budget was approved with \$106,760 in funds allocated specifically for this purpose of contributing to the provision of indigent care by the VNA, as agreed between the Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Burlington and the VNA, to effectuate this appropriation the FY 14 Fire Department's budget must be amended to use \$106,760 from the Department's budget line item Billing Services, account 101-15-041-8000 and place it in a new expenditure line in the budget once the request is approved; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance reviewed this budget amendment and expenditure at its meeting on October 28, 2013 and on the Mayor's recommendation approved the recommendation of its approval by the full City Council at its November 4, 2013 meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the proposed budget amendment to the Fire Department's budget to allow the Department to use \$106,760 for this VNA contribution from the Department's budget line item Billing Services, account 101-15-041-8000 and place it in a new expenditure line in the budget created by the Clerk/Treasurer's Office for this purpose.