

MISCELLANEOUS DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS,
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

DEFICIENCY ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1925, AND PRIOR YEARS, AND SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1926, TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN AUDITED CLAIMS AND FINAL JUDGMENTS AGAINST THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AMOUNTING IN ALL TO \$183,660.54; ALSO, A DRAFT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION MAKING AVAILABLE \$2,351 OF THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR SALARIES OF PUBLIC-SCHOOL TEACHERS, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, FISCAL YEAR 1925

APRIL 19, 1926.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, April 17, 1926.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress deficiency estimates of appropriations for the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925, and prior years, and supplemental estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, together with certain audited claims and final judgments against the District of Columbia, amounting in all to \$183,660.54; also, a draft of proposed legislation making \$2,351 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for salaries of public-school teachers, District of Columbia, fiscal year 1925, available for the payment of longevity allowances to certain teachers in the public schools of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year 1923 and prior years in accordance with a decision of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia.

The details of these estimates and the proposed legislation, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for their submission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, April 17, 1926.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration, and upon your approval for transmission to Congress, deficiency estimates of appropriations for the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925, and prior years, and supplemental estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, together with certain audited claims and final judgments against the District of Columbia, amounting in all to \$183,660.54; also, a draft of proposed legislation authorizing the payment of certain adjudicated claims of school-teachers for longevity allowances, amounting to \$2,351, from the unexpended balance of the appropriation for salaries, public-school teachers, fiscal year 1925.

Summary

For the fiscal year 1925 and prior years-----	\$74, 024. 06
For the fiscal year 1926-----	95, 501. 81
Audited claims-----	1, 166. 16
Judgments-----	12, 967. 51
Total of appropriations-----	183, 660. 54

Deficiency estimates for the fiscal year 1925 and prior years

Policemen and firemen's relief fund, fiscal years 1911 to 1915----- \$68, 425. 06

An appropriation of this amount will be necessary in order to carry out the provisions of the act of Congress approved Apr. 13, 1926, in the settlement of claims due retired members of the police and fire departments of the District of Columbia for balance of pay from Jan. 1, 1911, to July 30, 1915.

Health department: Maintenance of isolating ward, Garfield Memorial Hospital, fiscal year 1925----- 5, 055. 20

This sum represents the amount that would be due for additional services, beyond the limits of the contract with the hospital, that were rendered by said hospital during the fiscal year 1925 in the care of indigent patients afflicted with minor contagious diseases. The contract calls for the payment of \$6,000 per annum for keeping the isolation ward open for the reception of patients sent there by the health department, and for the payment of a rate of \$2.10 a day for each patient to the extent of the balance of the appropriation, \$4,000. While no deficit has been created under the contract, the District government has had the benefit of necessary additional services in the amount of \$5,055.20, for which it is unable to compensate the hospital.

Municipal court, fiscal year 1925----- 3. 30

For lodging and meals, fiscal year 1925, to pay balance due.

Writs of lunacy, fiscal year 1925----- 540. 50

To pay for expenses incurred in connection with the execution of writs de lunatico inquirendo and commitments thereunder in cases of indigent insane persons committed to St. Elizabeths Hospital under existing law.

Total, deficiency estimates, fiscal year 1925 and prior years. 74, 024. 06

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Public schools: The sum of \$2,351 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for salaries of public-school teachers, fiscal year 1925, is made available to pay additional longevity allowances to certain teachers in the public schools for the fiscal year 1923 and prior years, under the decision of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia in the case of the District of Columbia, plaintiff in error, *v. Sue H. Gardner*.

Authorization is requested to make the sum of \$2,351 available from the unexpended balance of the appropriation for salaries of public-school teachers, fiscal year 1925, for the payment of longevity allowances to certain teachers in the public schools for the fiscal year 1923 and prior years. These payments are rendered necessary under the decision of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia in the case of the District of Columbia, plaintiff in error, *v. Sue H. Gardner*.

Supplemental estimates for the fiscal year 1926

Personal services, District of Columbia-----	\$7, 635. 00
For personal services in accordance with the classification act of 1923, fiscal year 1926, as follows:	
Office of corporation counsel-----	\$1, 465
Metropolitan police, harbor patrol-----	420
Health department-----	5, 000
Board of Charities-----	750
These additional amounts will be required to pay the fixed salaries, under the respective headings, to June 30, 1926, due to reallocation of positions by the Personnel Classification Board. These estimates of the amounts required were determined after deducting amounts saved from lapsed salaries and allowances for promotions.	
Coroner's office, general expenses-----	1, 000. 00
It is estimated that an additional amount of \$1,000 will be required to meet the general expenses of the coroner's office to June 30, 1926. The appropriation for this purpose for the current fiscal year is \$5,600. The expenditures to Mar. 1, 1926, have amounted to \$4,400.38, leaving a balance of \$1,199.62. The average expenditure of \$550 a month for the first eight months indicates clearly the necessity for the additional amount.	
Contingent and miscellaneous expenses:	
For advertising notice of taxes in arrears-----	966. 81
The appropriation for this purpose for the current fiscal year is \$5,500. The total cost of printing the delinquent tax books of taxes in arrears July 1, 1925, as required by the act of Mar. 19, 1890, amounted to \$6,466.81, leaving a deficiency in the appropriation of \$966.81.	
For judicial expenses-----	1, 000. 00
The appropriation for 1926 is \$4,000. The expenditures to Mar. 1, 1926, total \$3,032.40, leaving unexpended \$967.60. During the remaining four months of the year all branches of the court are in session, and there will be a large number of condemnation cases for disposition. It is believed, therefore, that the additional amount will be necessary to meet the expenses under this appropriation to June 30, 1926.	
Refund of erroneous collection-----	1, 500. 00
The appropriation of \$2,000 for this purpose was completely exhausted on Feb. 15, 1926. It is believed that the full additional sum of \$1,500 will be required to pay pending and additional items of refund for erroneous collections to June 30, 1926. The estimate provides in particular that the appropriation be available for refunding the sum of \$100 to Nimrod E. Farr for an erroneous special assessment for sewer on parcel 169/21 paid Mar. 11, 1918.	

Collection and disposal of refuse.....	\$25, 000. 00
<p>This amount will be necessary to reimburse the street cleaning fund for money spent in removing snow. The total appropriation for cleaning streets, fiscal year 1926, is \$430,000. The unexpended balance on Apr. 1, 1926, was \$68,092. This amount, with the amount now requested, would provide for average expenditure of \$31,000 a month for April, May, and June, which is believed to be the minimum necessary amount.</p>	
Public playgrounds.....	8, 000. 00
<p>An appropriation of \$15,000 was made in 1923 for the purchase or condemnation of ground to take the place of the Gallinger playground. Part of the site was purchased at a cost of \$6,901.50. Direct purchase of the remaining portion could not be made; hence it was necessary to resort to condemnation proceedings. In the meantime the balance of the appropriation lapsed under the limitation of law. The condemnation proceedings are now pending in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and the amount requested is necessary to make payment when final decree is rendered, which, it is expected, will be within a few weeks.</p>	
Fire department: For repairs to apparatus.....	8, 000. 00
<p>Due to the unusual number of accidents involving damages to apparatus, the appropriation for repairs, \$47,000, is not sufficient to keep the apparatus in working order to the end of the fiscal year. It is believed that an additional amount of \$8,000 will be necessary for this purpose.</p>	
Health Department: For maintenance of dispensaries.....	2, 100. 00
<p>The appropriation for the maintenance of the tuberculosis dispensary and venereal disease dispensary for the fiscal year 1926 is \$14,500, out of which all expenses, including personal services, are paid. The increase in the number of patients to Mar. 1, 1926, has required an expenditure to that date of \$11,655.73, leaving an available balance of \$2,844.27. To keep the dispensary open for the balance of the fiscal year will require an additional amount of \$2,100, of which \$300 will be needed to make urgent plumbing and other repairs.</p>	
Courts and prisons:	
Juvenile court: For compensation of jurors.....	300. 00
<p>For compensation of jurors, fiscal year 1926, the appropriation is \$900. This appropriation was practically exhausted Apr. 1, and it is necessary to provide for the remaining months of the fiscal year, at the average rate of \$100 a month.</p>	
Writs of lunacy.....	1, 000. 00
<p>For expenses attending the execution of writs de lunatico inquirendo and commitments thereunder in all cases of indigent insane persons committed or sought to be committed to St. Elizabeths Hospital under the provisions of the law, including expenses of commitments to the District Training School. The appropriation for the current fiscal year is \$7,800; \$4,620 is for personal services of an alienist and a clerk, and the balance, \$3,180, to pay court costs. At the rate of expenditure for the first 7 months of the fiscal year, which averaged \$324 per month, the available funds will be exhausted by Apr. 1, 1926.</p>	
Charities and corrections: Support of prisoners: Jail.....	5, 000. 00
<p>The population at the jail shows a steady increase during the past 6 years. The daily averages have been as follows: 1922, 290; 1923, 320; 1924, 355; 1925, 368; and for the first 6 months of 1926, 424. The amount available for maintenance for this year is \$53,180, of which \$44,694 has been expended to Mar. 18, 1926. The amount requested, \$5,000, is a conservative estimate of the additional amount that will be required to complete the fiscal year.</p>	

Child-caring institutions:

Board of Children's Guardians.....	\$24,000.00
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The appropriation for the year is \$120,000 for board and care of all children committed to the guardianship of said board by the courts of the District of Columbia and for temporary care pending investigation. The net expenditure for the first 8 months amount to \$96,506.82, leaving a balance of \$23,493.18 for the remaining 4 months. At the expenditure rate for the first 8 months, the net expenditures for the remaining 4 months will approximate \$48,000. In addition to the balance on hand Mar. 1, 1926, there will be required approximately \$24,000 to meet the necessary needs to June 30, 1926.

For maintenance of feeble-minded children (white and colored).....	10,000.00
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The appropriation for this purpose for the current fiscal year is \$37,500. Net expenditures for the first eight months amounted to \$33,625.17, leaving a balance in the appropriation of \$3,874.83. The estimated amount to pay expenses to June 30, 1926, is \$15,224.83, based on the average for the first eight months. It is believed that the cost can be reduced during the spring months by transfers to the new home, and that \$10,000, in addition to the available balance, will meet the necessary requirements to the end of the fiscal year.

Total, supplemental estimates, fiscal year 1926.....	95,501.81
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Audited claims, District of Columbia.....	1,166.16
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To pay the following audited claims against the District of Columbia, an appropriation of \$1,166.16 will be required:

Playgrounds (1923), sites for playgrounds.....	\$10.85
Cleaning streets—	
1922.....	24.45
1921.....	46.00
Electrical department (1923), lighting.....	44.50
Public schools, chemical and biological laboratories—	
1923.....	18.04
1922.....	53.50
Police court—	
Jurors' fees, 1923.....	36.00
Witness fees, 1921.....	2.25
Reports of opinions, court of appeals—	
1921.....	55.00
1920.....	55.00
Industrial Home School (1923), maintenance.....	387.00
National Training School for Girls (1923), maintenance.....	24.00
Burial of ex-service men (1923).....	225.00
Water department, 1922—	
Extension of distribution system (payable from the revenues of the water department).....	172.50
Maintenance and operation (payable from the revenues of the water department).....	12.07

Total.....	1,166.16
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Judgments, District of Columbia..... \$12,967.51

To pay the following final judgments against the District of Columbia, an appropriation of \$12,967.51 will be required:

Name	Amount of judgment	Costs	Total
Louise F. Denney (judgment for \$348.00, with interest at 6 per cent per annum from Feb. 11, 1924, to Oct. 1, 1924, amounting to \$13.33).....	\$362.23	\$2.35	\$364.58
Sadye Klock.....	950.00		950.00
William W. Bolls.....		23.20	23.20
Howe Totten.....	7,500.00	94.40	7,594.40
Frank G. Nolte.....	1,800.00	56.70	1,856.70
Edward G. Flaherty, sr.....	1,750.00		1,750.00
Thomas G. Hill.....	150.00	1.25	151.25
Robert Fitch Shepard.....	50.00	1.25	51.25
International Correspondence Schools.....	218.13	8.00	226.13
Total.....	12,780.36	187.15	12,967.51

Together with the further sum to pay the interest at not exceeding 4 per cent per annum on such judgments, as provided by law, from the date the same became due to the date of payment.

The above estimates of appropriations, and the proposed legislation affecting the unexpended balance of an existing appropriation, are required to meet unforeseen contingencies which have developed since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1926.

Approval of these estimates and the proposed legislation is recommended.

Very respectfully,

H. M. LORD,
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The PRESIDENT.

Deficiency estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, and prior years by the District of Columbia

Detailed objects of expenditure	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation	Amount appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925
Policemen and firemen's relief funds, District of Columbia: For the settlement of claims as authorized by an act of Congress approved Apr. 13, 1926, entitled "An act to provide for the payment to the retired members of the police and fire departments of the District of Columbia the balance of retirement pay past due to them but unpaid from Jan. 1, 1911, to July 30, 1915".....	\$68,425.06	
Health Department: For maintenance of isolating ward for minor contagious diseases at Garfield Memorial Hospital, fiscal year 1925 (act June 7, 1924, vol. 43, p. 502).....	5,055.20	\$10,000.00
Municipal court: For lodging, meals, and accommodations for jurors and deputy United States marshals, while in attendance upon them, when ordered by the court, fiscal year 1925 (act June 7, 1924, vol. 43, p. 564).....	3.30	100.00
Writs of lunacy: For expenses attending the execution of writs de lunatico inquiring and commitments thereunder in all cases of indigent insane persons committed or sought to be committed to St. Elizabeths Hospital by order of the executive authority of the District of Columbia under the provisions of existing law, including expenses of commitments to the District Training School and including personal services, fiscal year 1925 (act June 7, 1924, vol. 43, p. 566).....	540.50	7,760.00
Public schools: The sum of \$2,351 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for salaries of public-school teachers, fiscal year 1925, is made available to pay additional longevity allowances to certain teachers in the public schools for the fiscal year 1923 and prior years, under the decision of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia in the case of the District of Columbia, plaintiff in error, v. Sue H. Gardner (submitted).		
Total, 1925 and prior years.....	74,024.06	

Supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, by the District of Columbia

Detailed objects of expenditure	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation	Amount appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926
Personal services: For personal services in accordance with the classification act of 1923, fiscal year 1926, as follows:		
Office of corporation counsel.....	\$1,465.00	\$36,240.00
Metropolitan police—harbor patrol.....	420.00	8,280.00
Health department.....	5,000.00	204,490.00
Board of Charities.....	750.00	30,000.00
In all (act of Mar. 3, 1925, vol. 43, pp. 1218-1241).....	7,635.00	
General expenses: Coroner's office—For the maintenance of a nonpassenger-carrying motor wagon for the morgue, jurors' fees, witness fees, making autopsies, ice, disinfectants, telephone service, and other necessary supplies for the morgue, and the necessary expenses of holding inquests, including stenographic services in taking testimony, and photographing unidentified bodies, fiscal year 1926 (act Mar. 3, 1925, vol. 43, p. 1218).....	1,000.00	5,600.00
Contingent and miscellaneous expenses:		
For advertising notice of taxes in arrears, July 1, 1925, as required to be given by the act of Mar. 19, 1890, to be reimbursed by a charge of 50 cents for each lot or piece of property advertised, fiscal year 1926 (act Mar. 3, 1925, vol. 43, p. 1221).....	966.81	5,500.00
For judicial expenses, including procurement of chains of title, the printing of briefs in the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, witness fees, and expert services in District cases before the Supreme Court of said District, fiscal year 1926 (same act).....	1,000.00	4,000.00
Refund of erroneous collections: To enable the commissioners, in any case where special assessments, school tuition charges, rents, fees, or collections of any character have been erroneously covered into the Treasury to the credit of the United States and the District of Columbia in the proportion required by law, to refund such erroneous payments, wholly or in part, including the refunding of fees paid for building permits authorized by the District of Columbia appropriation act approved Mar. 2, 1911, \$1,500: <i>Provided</i> , That this appropriation shall be available for such refunds of payments made within the past three years, fiscal year 1926: <i>Provided further</i> , That this appropriation shall be available for refunding to Nimrod E. Farr the sum of \$100 for an erroneous special assessment for sewer on parcel 169/21 paid Mar. 11, 1918 (act Mar. 3, 1925, vol. 43, p. 1222).....	1,500.00	2,000.00
Collection and disposal of refuse: For dust prevention, sweeping, and cleaning streets, avenues, alleys, and suburban streets, under the immediate direction of the commissioners, and for cleaning snow and ice from streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, and gutters in the discretion of the commissioners, including services and purchase and maintenance of equipment, rent of storage rooms; maintenance and repair of stables; hire, purchase, and maintenance of horses; hire, purchase, maintenance, and repair of wagons, harness, and other equipment; maintenance and repair of nonpassenger-carrying motor-propelled vehicles necessary in cleaning streets and purchase of motor-propelled street-cleaning equipment; purchase, maintenance, and repair of bicycles; and necessary incidental expenses, fiscal year 1926 (act Mar. 3, 1925, vol. 43, p. 1228).....	25,000.00	430,000.00
Public playgrounds: For the purchase or condemnation of a piece of ground to take the place of Gallinger playground, to remain available until June 30, 1927 (submitted).....	8,000.00	
Fire Department: For repairs to apparatus and motor vehicles and other motor-driven apparatus, and for new apparatus, new motor vehicles, new appliances, employment of mechanics, helpers, and laborers in the fire department repair shop, and for the purchase of necessary supplies, materials, equipment, and tools: <i>Provided</i> , That the commissioners are authorized, in their discretion, to build or construct, in whole or in part, fire-fighting apparatus in the fire department repair shop, fiscal year 1926 (act Mar. 3, 1924, vol. 43, p. 1236).....	8,000.00	47,000.00
Health Department: For the maintenance of a dispensary or dispensaries for the treatment of indigent persons suffering from tuberculosis and of indigent persons suffering from venereal diseases, including payment for personal service and supplies, \$1,800: <i>Provided</i> , That the commissioners may accept such volunteer services as they deem expedient in connection with the establishment and maintenance of the dispensaries herein authorized: <i>Provided further</i> , That this shall not be construed to authorize the expenditure or the payment of any money on account of any such volunteer service, fiscal year 1926 (act Mar. 3, 1925, vol. 43, p. 1236).....	2,100.00	14,500.00
Juvenile court: For compensation of jurors, fiscal year 1926 (act Mar. 3, 1925, vol. 43, p. 1238).....	300.00	900.00
Writs of lunacy: For expenses attending the execution of writs de lunatico inquiring and commitments thereunder in all cases of indigent insane persons committed or sought to be committed to St. Elizabeths Hospital by order of the executive authority of the District of Columbia under the provisions of existing law, including expenses of commitments to the District Training School, and including personal services, fiscal year 1926 (act Mar. 3, 1925, vol. 43, p. 1240).....	1,000.00	7,800.00

Supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, by the District of Columbia—Continued

Detailed objects of expenditure				Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation	Amount appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926
Support of prisoners, jail: For maintenance of prisoners of the District of Columbia at the jail, including pay of guards and all other necessary personal services, and for support of prisoners therein, expenses incurred in identifying and pursuing escaped prisoners, and rewards for their recapture, repair and improvements to buildings, cells, and locking devices, fiscal year 1926 (act Mar. 3, 1925, vol. 42, p. 1241).....				\$5,000.00	\$95,480.00
Board of Children's Guardians: For board and care of all children committed to the guardianship of said board by the courts of the District, and for temporary care of children pending investigation or while being transferred from place to place, with authority to pay not more than \$1,500 each to institutions under sectarian control and not more than \$400 for burial of children dying while under charge of the board, fiscal year 1926 (act Mar. 3, 1925, vol. 43, p. 1243).....				24,000.00	120,000.00
For maintenance of feeble-minded children (white and colored), fiscal year 1926 (same act).....				10,000.00	37,500.00
Total for 1926.....				95,501.81	
Judgments, District of Columbia: For payment of final judgments, including costs, rendered against the District of Columbia:					
Name	Amount of judgment	Costs	Total		
Louise F. Denney (judgment for \$348.90, with interest at 6 per cent per annum from Feb. 11, 1924, to Oct. 1, 1924, amounting to \$13.33).....	\$362.23	\$2.35	\$364.58		
Sadye Klock.....	950.00		950.00		
William W. Bolls.....		23.20	23.20		
Howe Totten.....	7,500.00	94.40	7,594.40		
Frank G. Nolte.....	1,800.00	56.70	1,856.70		
Edward Flaherty, sr.....	1,750.00		1,750.00		
Thomas G. Hill.....	150.00	1.25	151.25		
Robert Fitch Shepard.....	50.00	1.25	51.25		
International Correspondence Schools.....	218.13	8.00	226.13		
Total.....	12,780.36	187.15	12,967.51	12,967.51	
Together with the further sum to pay the interest at not exceeding 4 per cent per annum on such judgment, as provided by law, from the date the same became due to the date of payment.					
Audited claims, District of Columbia: For the payment of the following claims certified by the accounting officers of the District of Columbia to be due under appropriations the balances of which have been exhausted or carried to the surplus fund under the provisions of sec. 5 of the act of June 20, 1874, being for the service of the fiscal year 1923 and prior years:					
Playgrounds (1923), sites for playgrounds.....			\$10.85		
Streets, cleaning—					
1922.....			24.45		
1921.....			46.00		
Electrical department (1923), lighting.....			44.50		
Public schools, chemical and biological laboratories—					
1923.....			18.04		
1922.....			53.50		
Police court—					
Jurors' fees, 1923.....			36.00		
Witness fees, 1921.....			2.25		
Reports of opinions, court of appeals—					
1921.....			55.00		
1920.....			55.00		
Industrial Home School (1923), maintenance.....			387.00		
National Training School for Girls (1923), maintenance.....			24.00		
Burial of ex-service men (1923).....			225.06		
Water department, 1922—					
Extension of distribution system (payable from the revenues of the water department).....			172.50		
Maintenance and operation (payable from the revenues of the water department).....			12.07		
			1,166.16	1,166.16	
Grand total.....				183,660.54	