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Committee: Finance Committee	Date: 4/29/2025
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Submitted By: Zachary Eisner, CW Plan Manager	City Administrator Approval: Anthony Brown, City Administrator
Finance Department Review: Joseph Ciarro, Finance Director	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney
Subject: Review and Act on a recommendation to carryover \$320,000.00 from 2024 to 2025 in the Clean Water Plant Fund 0603 to fund the Water Softener Rebate Program.	

Details:

According to Financial Policy 2.3.3 all budgeted appropriations, except continuing appropriations, lapse at the end of the fiscal year unless encumbered during the fiscal year. This recommendation is requesting that the Council consider non-lapsing the funds as presented.

Water Softener Rebate Program

To reach the limit for Chlorides imposed on the City of Waukesha Clean Water Plant from the Wisconsin DNR the City has been running a water softener rebate program to facilitate the removal of water softeners. To date, the City has approved approximately 1,300 rebates at \$200 each. The rebate program has been successful and reached the limit for current funding. The Clean Water Plant is requesting additional funds to continue this rebate program to help ensure that we meet our chloride limits. To further accomplish the goal of reducing chlorides, we are requesting to carryover \$320,000 from unused operating budget in 2024 to 2025 for the water softener rebate program.

Options & Alternatives:

- Option 1 – Carryover the funds as presented from 2024 to 2025. (Recommended by the Finance Director)
Option 2 – Don't allow the carryover and defer the progress of reducing chlorides in 2025 to future years.

Financial Remarks:

Unused operating funding is available from the following accounts: Professional Services (\$100,000), Treatment Chemicals (\$190,000) and Consulting (\$30,000), for a total of \$320,000.

Executive Recommendation:

The Finance Director recommends the carryover of funds.