

APPROPRIATIONS : Salaries for skilled labor or technical
ITEMIZING. : services may be paid out of the appro-
: priation for "Repairs and Replacements" or
: "Additions" if services of such skilled
: labor or technicians are used for re-
: pairs and replacements or additions.

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Dear Sir:

This is in reply to yours of recent date wherein you make the following statement and request:

"It is our desire to know whether or not we may pay salaries for skilled labor or technical services out of Repairs and Replacement Fund for work that is actually repair work or replacement.

"We are also anxious to know whether or not we may pay such salaries from Additions Fund when the new work is an addition; such as, a new milk house, new work on the grounds or other new equipment."

The Constitution (Sec. 19, Art. 10), requires appropriations to distinctly specify the sum appropriated and the object to which it is to be applied: Sec. 10902, R. S. 1939, which relates to the State Budget provides as follows:

"Appropriations for the operation and maintenance of departments shall be separately itemized; and separate appropriations shall be made for each item of extraordinary operation and maintenance expenditure and for each major capital expenditure."

In our research we fail to find where a case on such a question has been before our courts.

As a rule however, we find that the general procedure has been that if any employee or officer whose duties are performed for a certain purpose that his compensation therefor may be charged to the appropriation made for that purpose. We think this is in conformity

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to the above constitutional and statutory provision.

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Therefore, if an officer or employee performs services in connection with "repairs and replacement" or "additions" to a department or institution, that the compensation of such officer or employee for such services may be paid out of the fund appropriated for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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