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**OPERATING TRANSFER**

Controlling Board No.  
**CLA0100020**

Status: Approved  
 Meeting Date: 4/20/2015

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

<p><b>Agency</b> Court of Claims</p> <p><b>Division/Institution</b> Court of Claims</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Waiver of Competitive Selection (Revised Code Section 127.16B)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No Competitive Opportunity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Agency Released Competitive Opportunity</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Agency Released Competitive Opportunity (Revised Code Section 127.162)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Other Statutory Authority/Bill Section:</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Operating Transfer Request (Revised Code Section 127.14)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriation</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Statutory Authority/Bill Section:</p>	<p><b>Fiscal Year(s)</b> 2015</p> <p><b>Bill No.</b> HB 59</p> <p><b>Eligible for OBM Director Approval?</b> No</p>
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**TRANSFER INFORMATION**

From	To	FY	Fund Group	Fund Code	Appropriation Line Item	Appropriation Line Item Name	Transfer Amount	Prev Rel Amount
CLA01		2015		5KM0	911614	CB Emergency Purpose	\$1,618,532.08	\$1,008,552.90
	CLA01	2015		GRF	015402	WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT FUND	\$1,618,532.08	\$1,008,552.90

**SIGNATURES**

 Agency Director or Authorized Agent	04/20/2015 On The Date Of
04/10/2015 Date	 Controlling Board President/OBM Director

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**REQUIRED EXPLANATION OF REQUEST**

The Court of Claims respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to transfer \$1,616,671.80, plus interest, from fund 5KM0, 911614 CB Emergency Purposes to the Court of Claims of Ohio GRF line item 015402, Wrongful Imprisonment, for payment of a preliminary judgment to plaintiffs, Kwame Ajamu (fka Ronnie Bridgeman) and Wiley Bridgeman, for damages resulting from their wrongful imprisonment by the State of Ohio for 9,108 days and 13,630 days, respectively.

R.C. 2743.48(A) defines a wrongfully imprisoned individual as one: (1) who was charged with a felony (2) who was found guilty of a felony (3) who was sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a state correctional institution (4) whose conviction was vacated, or dismissed, or reversed on appeal (5) and where, subsequent to sentencing and/or imprisonment, an error in procedure resulted in the individual's release, or it was determined by a court of common pleas that the offense of which the individual was found guilty either was not committed by the individual or was not committed by any person.

Further, R.C. 2743.48(E) provides that in a civil action in the Court of Claims the complainant may establish that the claimant was a wrongfully imprisoned individual by submitting to the Court of Claims a certified copy of both the judgment entry and the determination of the court of common pleas that the claimant was a wrongfully imprisoned individual.

Finally, R.C. 2743.48(B)(4) states that within sixty days after the date of the entry of the determination by the court of common pleas, the clerk of the court of claims shall forward a preliminary judgment to the president of the controlling board requesting the payment of fifty percent of the amount described in division (E)(2)(b) of this section to the wrongfully imprisoned individual. The board shall take all actions necessary to cause the payment of that amount out of the emergency purposes special purpose account of the board.

The plaintiffs have shown that they meet all conditions for wrongful imprisonment and have, in addition, submitted the determination of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga County to that effect. The plaintiffs meet the definition of a wrongfully imprisoned individual.

On April 10, 2015, the Court of Claims granted Plaintiffs damages in the amount of \$1,616,671.80. [Pursuant to R.C. 2743.18(B)(1), interest shall be allowed on a judgment rendered against the state in a civil action for each day between the date of entry of the judgment and the date of payment of the judgment or for sixty days from the date of entry of the judgment, whichever is less. The 2015 interest rate as certified by the Ohio tax commissioner is 3% per annum.]

Attachments		Controlling Board Request No.: CLA0100020
Attachment Type	Attachment Description	
Other	Complaint	
Other	Entry of Partial Judgment	