



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
***HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT***

**KATJANA BALLANTYNE**  
**MAYOR**

***KARIN CARROLL***  
***DIRECTOR***

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Council Members**

**FROM: Karin Carroll, HHS Director**

**DATE: April 22, 2024**

**RE: Request to expand \$400K for the Emergency Shelter Services**

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of the following request to support emergency shelter services using the Emergency Stabilization Fund.

Request \$400,000 in total to be appropriated from the Emergency Stabilization Fund to support the homeless crisis within the City of Somerville. This will be to support 10 new ADA-accessible beds at the adult homeless shelter, including shower, laundry, meals, and case management. The cost per client per night would be \$109.59 which equals out to \$40,000 per client per year. At \$109.59 per client per night for 10 new ADA-accessible shelter beds, Somerville Homeless Coalition will be able to provide the critical emergency shelter services needed in a time of growing numbers of unhoused in Somerville and nation-wide.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

**CC: Katjana Ballantyne, Mayor**  
**Ed Bean, Chief Financial Officer**  
**Mike Mastrobuoni, Budget Director**