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APPROPRIATION

TO: Honorable Members of the City Council

FROM: Karin Carroll, HHS Director

DATE: 11/3/2025

RE: Request for appropriation of \$875,000 for food security initiatives

The Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Food Access and Healthy Communities request your approval to appropriate \$875,000 from the Community Benefits Stabilization Fund to support food security initiatives.

This funding request is being appropriated from the Community Benefits Stabilization account, as is appropriate based on the following: the funds will be used to support the food security initiatives under the Office of Food Access and Healthy Communities.

- Food Security Initiatives – This funding will assist in addressing food access gaps by supporting organizations that provide food security services to people experiencing food instability. This includes staple foods, community meals, grocery cards and ready-to-eat foods for high-risk populations, including but not limited to Somerville public school students, homebound individuals and people with limited kitchen access, food pantry users, SNAP clients and older adults.

Please let us know if there are any further questions on any of the above information.

Sincerely,

Karin Carroll, MPH
Director



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