



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL ON AGING

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City Councilor Jake Wilson
Chair, Finance Committee
City of Somerville
93 Highland Avenue
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Re: Item 22-1856, Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$3000 grant with no new match from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging.

Re: Item 22-1857, requesting approval to accept and expend a \$6,000 grant with no new match from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging.

Honorable Chair Wilson and Committee Members,

It is with pleasure that I write to you with the request to accept and expend a \$3,000 grant from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services. This grant is provided to the Somerville Council on Aging on a yearly basis from Title III funding with the purpose of providing transportation to our older residents.

Title III funding is used for senior transportation by taxi and handicapped accessible vehicles to the Council on Aging Senior Centers. Funding allows seniors to access such programs as nutrition, exercise and individual appointments with our social worker. In addition, funding allows the Council on Aging to provide transportation for our seniors to join community sponsored COA events. Examples of these events include trips to community lunches and holiday celebrations held in large function halls.



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I am pleased to share that in addition to our yearly \$3,000 grant, Somerville Cambridge Elder Services has awarded the Council on Aging with an additional \$6,000 grant. Additional funding is provided by Federal ARPA dollars and is intended to expand services provided by our Title III funding.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Best Regards,

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