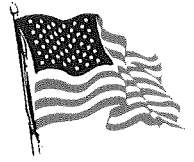




CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

FRANK P. SENESI VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT
DIRECTOR

JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR



March 18, 2010

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone
Somerville City Hall
93 Highland Ave.
Somerville, Mass. 02143

Dear Mayor Curtatone,

I respectfully request your approval of the transfer of a supplemental budget increase of available funds in the amount of \$35,000. To the Veterans' Services Benefit account #4801-57700. As always, the city is reimbursed from the state, 75% for all benefits expended.

Due to a policy change from the State Department of Veterans' Services allowing peacetime veterans to be aided, if eligible, we received an influx of veterans that are now eligible for benefits under MGL Chapter 115. We have and are still assisting veterans returning from the War in Iraq and other countries overseas. We have also seen a large number of elderly veterans and widows who are having great difficulty keeping up with the increasing medical and prescriptions costs. With the current fiscal crisis of the economy, our caseload has increased since last year. In order to continue paying our veterans recipients their benefit entitlements, this appropriation of funds is necessary to complete fiscal year 2010.

The budget for FY 10 that was allotted to the Veterans' Services benefit line was \$172,000. At the end of February 2010, this department has already expended \$132,386.28, \$4000. of which were two burials at \$2,000. each and \$7,516. rent payments to prevent evictions, leaving a balance of \$39,613.72. We anticipate spending at our current level for the next four months (March through June) a minimum of \$18,000 per month provided we do not have any funeral expenses, rental payments or more new cases.

Sincerely,

Frank P. Senesi, Director
CC: Edward Bean, CFO

