



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR



March 7, 2011

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 \$25,000 to the Veterans' Services Benefit account #4801-57700. The city will be reimbursed from the state for 75% of all benefits expended.

Due to a policy change from the Department of Veterans' Services allowing peacetime veterans to receive aid, if eligible, we have 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.

The budget for FY 11 that was allotted to the Veterans' Services benefit line was \$200,000. At the end of February 2011, this department has already expended \$149,700. \$12,000 were expended on six burials (\$2,000 per burial), which leaves a balance of \$50,300. We anticipate spending \$18,000 per month for the next four months (March through June) provided that we do not have any funeral expenses, rental payments or new cases.

Sincerely,

Frank Senesi

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

