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APPROPRIATION

TO: Honorable Members of the City Council

FROM: Karin Carroll, HHS Director

DATE: 11/6/2025

RE: Request for appropriation of \$100,000 for the Senior Taxi Program

The Department of Health and Human Services - Council on Aging requests your approval to appropriate \$100,000 from the Community Benefits Stabilization Fund to support the Senior Taxi Program.

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 Senior Taxi program under the Council on Aging.

- Senior Taxi Program - Due to Federal cuts, at the conclusion of this calendar year, Somerville Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) will no longer be able to support transportation costs to congregate meal sites in Somerville. Currently SCES provides transportation to the Somerville Council on Aging for their hot congregate meal program, which is held two times per week, and to their cold, to-go meal program which is held up to three days per week. Funding from the Community Benefits Stabilization Fund will allow for the expansion of the Senior Taxi Program to include two rides per week for older adults to access programs and services held at Somerville's Senior Centers.

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

Sincerely,

Karin Carroll, MPH
Director

