



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
COUNCIL ON AGING

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Date: April 3, 2024

To: Distinguished Members of the Finance Committee

From: Council on Aging, Ashley Speliotis

File ID 24-0414: Requesting approval to accept and expend \$76,867.00 with no new match required from The Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Council on Aging for social, educational, and physical wellness programming.

Dear Members of the Finance Committee,

The Council on Aging requests your approval to accept and expend \$76,867.00 from The Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. This money was awarded to the city on March 12, 2024. There is not a match required for these funds.

The Council on Aging receives this funding from The Massachusetts State Budget in pursuant to M.G.L. 19A § 1. Based on the formula, \$14 per senior resident of Somerville, this is the second half of the expected FY 2024 funding, the first half having been approved in January of 2024. Funding is provided to ensure all older adults and their caregivers have access to programming, tools and resources needed to embrace the aging process. Funding is used to: offset the cost of large celebrations, allow all physical exercise programming to run at no cost, fund monthly entertainers at our centers, and to provide a variety of social, educational and mental health support programming.

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

Thank you,

Ashley E. Speliotis