



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
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To: Finance Committee

From: Chief Charles Breen Jr.

Re: Item 24-0035 & 23-1776

Dear Finance Committee,

Item 24-0035 is a request for approval to accept and expend a \$91,211.79 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Fire Department for staffing costs. This has been an annual grant from the State for at least the past five years that I have been Chief. The funds are used to assist the Fire Department with covering costs for overtime to staff fire companies.

Item 23-1776 is a request for approval to accept and expend a \$37,500 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to the Fire Department for maritime related training and equipment. Funds will be used from this grant to conduct training on fighting fires involving boat docking facilities such as the Winter Hill Yacht Club. Funds will also be used to purchase marine related fire or rescue equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles J. Breen Jr.
Chief Engineer

