

March 6, 2023

To: Finance Committee

From: Christopher Hosman, SomerPromise Department

CC: Aneesh Sahni, Hannah Carrillo

Re: Grant Acceptance 23-0213-Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education to the Health and Human Services SomerPromise Division for LGBTQIA Out-of-School Time Youth Programming.

The Administration collaborated with Representative Connolly's office to secure an earmark in the amount of \$75,000.00 in the State budget to support LGBTQIA Out-of-School Time Programming. The funds will be split between the Department of Health and Human Services, The Parks/Recreation Department and the Somerville Public Schools to show cross-sector support for our youth.

The programming will include expansion of activities and materials at ArtHaus, increased programming for the middle and high school Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSAs) and increased programming coordinated by the now full time LGBTQ+ Services Coordinator in HHS. All programming will be student led and designed.