



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
FIRE DEPARTMENT
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MAYOR

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To: Finance Committee

From: Chief Charles Breen Jr.

Re: **Item 23-1050 & 23-1255**

Dear Finance Committee,

Item 23-1050 is a FEMA grant for \$48,612.38 for the purchase of high visibility jackets. There is a match of \$4861.24. Matching funds are available in our current budget Special Items – Grant Match line. This grant is a health and safety grant. These jackets will be used for non-fire related emergencies and provide for increased visibility at scenes. They will also reduce the need for firefighters to wear structural firefighting gear when it is not required.

Item 23-1255 is a \$4980.00 grant from MEMA for the Somerville Fire Auxiliary / CERT Team. There is no match required. It will be used to purchase a canopy tent, high visibility polo shirts, power strips and phone chargers.

Respectfully,

Charles J. Breen Jr.
Chief Engineer