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OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT  
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MAYOR

TO: Somerville City Council Finance Committee  
FROM: Erik Larson  
RE: File #24-0412: \$302,720 match to Green Communities Grant  
DATE: April 18, 2024

Committee Members,

Thank you for taking up this matter for consideration. File #24-0412 is a request to appropriate \$302,720 from the Energy Stabilization Fund as a match for a Green Communities grant. The Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources is offering \$500,000 grants for building decarbonization through the Green Communities program. With this program in mind, OSE has teamed up with Capital Projects to develop a project at 42 Cross St.

This project will be the first full building decarbonization project in the city's portfolio. It will include a new roof, overcladding on the exterior walls to bring the insulation levels up to the Stretch Code, high efficiency electric HVAC and domestic hot water, and replacement of the leaky back door and broken skylights.

Approval for the Energy Stabilization Fund to pay for the development of construction drawings for the project was graciously granted by the Council on docket file #24-0135.

I am happy to attend the Finance Committee meeting on April 23 to address any questions the committee may have on the matter should that be deemed necessary. If any additional information would be helpful in the meantime, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,  
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Somerville Energy Manager  
Mayor's Office of Sustainability and Environment



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