



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Legislation Text

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Agenda Summary

That all items in the Alternative Emergency Response category be submitted to the Mayor to be included in the FY 2025 budget.

Official Text

That all items in the Alternative Emergency Response category be submitted to the Mayor to be included in the FY 2025 budget, including:

That the Administration allocate \$1,370,000 for the creation of an alternative emergency response program to serve the community's need for non-violent crisis intervention, mediation, and wellness under a new division within Health and Human Services.

Increased funding for new social workers and other mental health professionals to expand capacity within Health and Human Services generally as well as specifically as it relates to responding to emergency calls involving mental health and substance use issues.

Funding to establish a non-police first response force that could respond to non-violent, non-criminal 911 calls.

Funding to establish an alternative emergency response program to respond to non-criminal calls.