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>> GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME TO THE IANELLI CHAMBER ABOUT. MY NAME IS MATT O'MALLEY MALLEY. CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE FOR HEALTHY WOMEN AND FAMILIES, VARIOUS GRANTS THAT WE WILL HEAR ABOUT IN GREAT DETAIL THAT WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE FOOD ACCESS.

COMMISSIONER I LOVE THE NEW NAME.

AND THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT ADVANCEMENT.

BEFORE WE GET INTO THE SPECIFICS, THIS WILL BE SIX GRANTS, WE'LL BE DISCUSSING THEM ALL TOGETHER BUT WE'LL DO THEM OBVIOUSLY NUMERICALLY.

IF YOU COULD INTRODUCE YOUR NAME AND YOUR TITLE BEFORE WE GET INTO THE SPECIFICS AND WELCOME.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, MY NAME IS KATARINA LOPEZ, DIRECTOR OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR FOOD ACCESS.

>> MARIA SHAE.

>> AGNES CHANNING, CHIEF OF STAFF FOR THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT ADVANCEMENT.

>> WE'RE JOINED BY MY FELLOW COUNSELOR ED FLYNN.

WELCOME, COWNG LEGISLATOR.

>> PERFECT, THANK YOU, THAT'S WHY YOU'RE MY FAVORITE COLLEAGUE.

FIRST WE'LL START WITH MS. LOPEZ ON DOCKET 0109, WHICH IS \$280,000 FOR DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS PROGRAM AWARDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. COULD YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT THAT GRANTS?

>> YES, MR. CHAIRMAN.

WE GOT A GRANT FOR \$280,000, BOSTON DOUBLE UP PROGRAM, IN LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES IN THE INTOF AND WE ARE PREMIERING THE PROGRAMS IN DORCHESTER AND MATTAPAN.

EVERY TIME A USER GOES TO A CORNER STORE, THAT USE PART OF THE HOUR PROGRAM, WE MATCH \$1 TO \$1 TO ALL OF THE SNAP USERS THAT BUY FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

PART OF THE MENINO IS GOING TO BE USED FOR EVALUATION FOR THE THREE YEARS OF THE PROGRAM AND THAT WILL BE \$47,000 OF THAT TOTAL AMOUNT.

AND WE HAVE \$26,000 DESIGNED FOR HELP TO THE STORES, TO MAKE BETTER STORES, THAT NEED A BETTER REFRIGERATOR, IF THEY NEED BETTER SIGNAGES WE HELP THEM TO DO THAT.

AND WE ALSO HAVE \$25,000 ASSIGNED FOR OUTREACH IN THAT LOCATION.

>> SO THIS IS \$283,000 IN SUM TOTAL?

>> 292,000.

I'M SORRY, \$282,000.

>> WE WERE RESIGNING UP.

\$282,000, OF THAT \$150,000 WILL BE MATCHED DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR.

SO IF I AM CURRENTLY RECEIVING -- USE SNAP TO PURCHASE GROCERIES, MY BUYING POWER WILL BE DOUBLED UP TO --

>> UP TO \$10 A DAY.

>> I'M SORRY?

>> \$10 A DAY.

YOU CAN GO TO A COORDINATED STOOR, YOU WILL BE CHARGED \$5 AND WE WILL BE ROIDING THE OTHER \$5.

AND YOU CAN DO THIS EVERY DAY.

>> 365 DAYS A YEAR.

THAT'S FANTASTIC.

IS THIS JUST IN BOSTON OR THE REST OF THE COMMONWEALTH?

>> IN MASSACHUSETTS WE ARE THE PILOT PROGRAM.

>> OF THE 282, 150K, 40,000 IS FOR EVALUATION, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

IS THAT STAFF COSTS?

>> WE ARE PARTNERING WITH TUFTS UNIVERSITY, SO THAT WE WANT TO KNOW IF THIS MAPPING PROGRAM ACTUALLY CHANGE THE BEHAVIOR AND THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITIES. AND THEY ARE DOING SURVEYS AT

THE STORE, DOING SURVEYS WITH THE CUSTOMERS.

WE ALSO WANT TO EVALUATE THAT TOO, ACCESS THIS PROGRAM AT THE CORNER STORES AND IMPROVE THE BUSINESSES, BRING MORE CONSUMERS TO THE STORES.

>> THAT'S GREAT.

THAT'S GREAT.

SO THAT SORT OF SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM IN METRICS OF THE PROGRAM TO HOPEFULLY GROW IT, THE NEXT \$26,000 WOULD BE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO THE STORES, SIGN AN, REFRIGERATION.

>> GO TO THE STORES, THEY SAY LIKE THEY NEED BETTER ACCOUNTING.

TO MAKE SURE WE TRACK EVERYTHING WELL.

WE WILL PROVIDE SOME FUNDS TO IMPROVE THOSE.

>> THAT'S GREAT.

AND YOU'RE LOOPING IN THE AMERICAN STRENGTHS DIRECTORS AS WELL?

>> WE ARE WORKING -- YES, THE PERSON WHO IS OUR CONTACT, WORKING WITH THE SMALL BUSINESSES.

>> FANTASTIC.

AND THE REMAINING \$25,000 WILL BE GENERAL OUTREACH?

>> TO THE COMMUNITIES TO KNOW WHERE TO BUY, ALSO TO INCREASE THEIR STIGMA, BETTER FOR THE SNAP USERS TO BE THERE AND TO INCENTIVIZE THEM TO USE THE SNAP DOLLARS AT THE CORNER STORES.

>> IF I'M A SNAP RECIPIENT IS THERE 96 I HAVE TO DO TO OPT IN THIS PROGRAM, OR JUST WHEN I GO IT WILL BE LIKE SAVING MONEY?

>> WE ARE TRYING TO REMOVE ALL THE BARRIERS THE SNAP USERS HAVE.

YOU GO WITH YOUR SNAP CARD AND DO YOUR SHOPPING.

>> I LIKE THAT, DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR MS. LOPEZ? COUNSELOR FLYNN.

>> I DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR EXCELLENT WORK YOU ARE DOING

WITH THE CITY, REPRESENTING THE CITY WELL BUT PROVIDING INVALUABLE SERVICES TO SO MANY PEOPLE THAT NEED OUR ASSISTANCE. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO YOU AND YOUR ACHIEVEMENT AS WELL FOR PROVIDING COMPASSIONATE ASSISTANCE TO THE MOST NEEDY IN SOCIETY.

SO THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNSELOR FLYNN.

>> I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.

THAT SEEMS PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD.

THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD I GUESS IS MY NEXT QUESTION?

>> WE HAVE IN THE HIGH NEEDS NEIGHBORHOOD FOR NOW.

>> OKAY SO WHICH NEIGHBORHOODS ARE THOSE?

>> THEY ARE MATTAPAN, DORCHESTER AND ROXBURY BECAUSE THEY HAVE A HIGH FOOD INSECURITY RATE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

WE ARE HONING WE CAN GROW THESE IN OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS BUT NOW, OUR FOCUS AWARDS ARE IN THOSE THREE.

>> MAKE SURE I GET THIS RIGHTS, THE MONEY IS CONNECTED WITH THE CARD OR WITH THE STORE?

>> WITH THE STORE.

>> IF YOU LIVE IN ANOTHER NEIGHBORHOOD AND YOU GO TO ONE OF THESE STORES IN MATTAPAN DORCHESTER OR ROXBURY YOU CAN ACCESS IT.

>> YES.

>> ONLY ALLOWS US TO START SMALLER.

THAT'S ALL I HAVE FOR NOW, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MIRVEL DO I HAVE TO -- MICHELLE DO I HAVE TO GAVEL OUT OF EVERY -- THANK YOU VERY MUCH. EMILY SHAY TO DISCUSS DOCKETS 0110, '01 27, '01 20, AND 0125.

AUTHORING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND DEPEND THE AMOUNT OF \$213,000.

FOR TITLE 3 OMBUDSMAN 2019 FUNDS AWARDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT

OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
PASSED THROUGH MASS DEPARTMENT
OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS, TO BE
ADMINISTERED BY AGE SMART
BOSTON.

DO I HAVE THAT RIGHT?

>> SURE.

>> TELL US ABOUT IT.

>> ALL FOUR OF THESE DOCKETS
TODAY ARE REGULAR FUNDING THAT
WE GET IN EVERY YEAR THAT WE ARE
COMING HERE TO ASK PERMISSION TO
USE.

THE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM IS A
PROGRAM THAT -- WHERE THERE ARE
VOLUNTEERS, THAT ARE RECRUITED
AND TRAINED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT
TO PEOPLE IN NURSING HOMES.

IF RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES
ARE HAVING ANY TROUBLES, THEY
CAN HELP THESE TO PREVENT THESE
TO A RISE, WE THEN PUT THE
PROGRAM OUT TO BID.

AND OUR LONG STANDING PARTNER IN
THIS PROGRAM IS ETHOS WHO
OPERATES THE PROGRAM FOR CITY OF
BOSTON.

SO THAT IS WHAT THE REQUEST IS,
FOR THAT \$214,000 NUMBER,
INCLUDES OUR LAST YEAR AMOUNT,
PLUS A BUFFER OF 25% IN CASE WE
GET AN INCREASE FROM THE STATE.
THE WAY THIS FUNDING WORKS IS WE
GET A PRELIMINARY PLANNING
AMOUNT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE
YEAR.

AND THEN WE GET A FINAL
ALLOCATION AMOUNT, SOMETIME
DURING THE END OF THE YEAR.

SO NUMBERS CAN CHANGE FROM THE
BEGINNING TO THE END.

THE OTHER PIECE THAT CHANGES
NUMBERS FOR OUR OLDER AMERICANS
ACT DOLLARS THAT SOMETIMES WE
HAVE CARRYOVER DOLLARS AND THAT
TAKES A WHILE TO GET APPROVED BY
THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER
AFFAIRS.

SO THAT COMES IN TOWARDS END OF
THE YEAR, AS WELL.

>> OKAY, SO THIS WOULD FUND A
SALARY?

>> SO WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT WE
WOULD PUT IT OUT TO BID.

WE WOULD PUT IT OUT TO BIT.

ETHOS WON THE BID.

ACTUALLY YOU HAVE TO BE
CERTIFIED TO BE AN OMBUDSMAN.
THEY'RE THE ONLY ONE CERTIFIED
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON TO RUN
THAT PROGRAM.

>> THEY ADMINISTER THE GRANT,
MEANING THEY GO THROUGH THE
PROCUREMENT PROGRAM?

>> THEY ARE RUNNING THE PROGRAM.

>> DID ANYONE ELSE APPLY LAST
TIME?

>> NO, NO ONE ELSE APPLIED LAST
TIME.

OF ALL THE GRANTS WE PUT OUT TO
BID THIS ONE IS VERY SPECIALIZED
AND YOU KIND OF HAVE TO HAVE A
CERTIFICATION WITH THE STATE IN
ORDER TO RUN THE PROGRAM.

>> AND ETHOS DOES A FANTASTIC
JOB, SERVES PEOPLE ALL ACROSS
THE CITY.

WE'RE PROUD OF THEIR WORK.

>> WHAT HAPPENS IS ETHOS THEN
SUBMITS TO US AS THE FUNDER A
SCOPE OF SERVICES SAYING THIS IS
EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO
IN THE BUDGET WHICH WE THEN
APPROVE AND THEN WE MONITOR THE
PROGRAM ON A QUARTERLY BASIS TO
MAKE SURE THAT THINGS ARE GOING
WELL.

>> THAT'S GREAT.

HOW LONG HAS THIS PARTNERSHIP
WITH ETHOS GONE ON THEN?

>> A LONG TIME.

>> PROBABLY PREDATES US --

>> PROBABLY 30 YEARS.

>> WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR DALE, WHO
WILL BE RETIRING SOON, HE WILL
BE MISSED, A GREAT PARTNER FOR
THIS CITY.

>> I SHOULD SAY THIS MONEY IS
ALL PASSED THROUGH TO US.

>>

>> GREAT, I HAVE NO MORE
QUESTIONS FOR DOCKET 0110.
COUNSELOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND
FOR YOUR WORK AND JURY STAFF'S
WORK FOR SO MANY YEARS,
PROVIDING OUR ELDERLY OUR
SENIORS WITH THE RESPECT AND

DIGNITY THAT THEY'VE EARNED.
I'VE ALWAYS HAD GREAT RESPECT
FOR THIS DEPARTMENT, I'VE
FOLLOWED IT CLOSELY FOR PERHAPS
30 OR 40 YEARS AND I'VE SEEN
EXCELLENT COMMISSIONERS OVER THE
YEARS AND COMMISSIONER I THINK
YOU'RE ONE OF THE BEST WE'VE
EVER HAD, THE WAY YOU TREAT
PEOPLE AND THE WAY YOU TREAT OUR
ELDERLY.

I JUST WANT TO SAY, THANK YOU
FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING WORK, AND
CONTINUE WORKING HARD FOR THE
SENIORS OF BOSTON SO WE'RE PROUD
OF YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR, I
APPRECIATE THAT.

>> I WOULD SERK THAT EMOTION,
COMMISSIONER, I HAVE ONLY A
COUPLE OF MONTHS LONGER THAN YOU
WORKING HERE BUT YOU'VE BEEN A
TERRIFIC PARTNER, ONE OF THE
FINEST COMMISSIONERS WE HAVE.
WE'RE NOT DONE WITH YOU YET.
THREE MORE.

0317, AUTHORIZING BOSTON TO
EXPEND THE AMOUNT OF \$1,846,000.
FROM THE COUNCIL ON AGING
FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM, TO BE
ADMINISTERED BY AGES STRONG, THE
AGE STRONG COMMISSION.

CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT DOCKET
0217 PLEASE.

>> WE HAVE THE DESIGNATION OF
BEING THE COUNCIL ON AGING, 350
OUT OF 351 TOWNS ACROSS THE
STATE HAVE A COUNCIL ON AGING.

>> WHICH TOWN DOESN'T?

>> OH, I KNOW THIS -- IT'S A
VERY TINY ONE.

>> YES.

>> I'LL GET BACK TO YOU.

>> PROBE GOB'S KNOB OR SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.

MORE CARROT THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

>> IT'S A VERY TINY TOWN.

>> OKAY.

>> SO THE MONEY COMES IN THE
FORM OF A FORMULA GRANT.

SO EACH -- SO AND THE FORMULA
GRANT IS SET BY STATE BUDGET.

SO CURRENTLY, THE FORMULA GRANT
IS \$12th PER ELDER, PER YEAR.

BASED ON THE 2010 CENSUS DATA.
SO IN 2010 WE HAD 88,70 PEOPLE
OVER 60 IN THE CITY.

>> I'M SORRY, SAY THAT NUMBER
AGAIN.

>> 88,070 PEOPLE OVER 60 IN THE
2010 CENSUS.

SO YOU TAKE THAT NUMBER AND
MULTIPLE APPLY IT BY 12 TO GET
OUR FORMULA AMOUNT.

SO THAT'S WHROO THIS REPRESENTS.

-- WHAT THIS REPRESENTS.

THAT MONEY WE KEEP IT
INTERNALLY, ALLOWS US TO DO MANY
OF THE THINGS OUT IN THE
COMMUNITY.

WE HAVE COMMUNITY ADVOCATES,
ASSIGNED TO EACH NEIGHBORHOOD.
THROUGH THE SHINE PROGRAM,
HELPING PEOPLE ACCESS
INFORMATION AND RESOURCES, DOING
BENEFITS APPLICATIONS, GOING OUT
AND MEETING OLDER ADULTS AND
CAREGIVERS WHERE THEY'RE AT AND
HELPING THEM FIGURE OUT HOW TO
GET ASSISTANCE.

THEY ARE PAID FOR OUT OF THIS
MONEY, A BIG PORTION OF THEIR
SALARY IS PAID OUT OF THIS
MONEY.

WE ALSO HAVE OUR HOUSING TEAM
THAT IS PAID FOR PRIMARILY OUT
OF COUNCIL AND AGING DOLLARS.

SO AS WE'VE GOTTEN SOME
INCREASES OVER THE LAST COUPLE
EVER YEARS ON COUNCIL ON AGING
WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP A
HOUSING TEAM.OF FIVE PEOPLE.

ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE IS PAID FOR
OUT OF OPERATING BUDGET AND WE
REALLY APPRECIATE THE COUNCIL
FOR THAT ADDITION LAST YEAR IN
OUR OPERATING BUDGET BUT THE
REST OF THE TEAM IS PAY FOR OUT
OF COUNCIL ON AGING DOLLARS.

WE ALSO PAY FOR BOSTON SENIORITY
AGING MANAGES OUT OF THIS
BUDGET.

WE PRINT 15,000 COPIES OF
MAGAZINE EVERY MONTH AND HAVE AN
ONLINE FOLLOWING OF OVER A
THOUSAND PEOPLE.

>> GREAT.

>> AND THAT IS ALL DONE OUT OF

COUNCIL ON AGING MONEY.
ANOTHER BIG THING WE DO, IF WE
HAVE SALARY SAVINGS TOWARDS THE
END OF THE YEAR WE HAVE BEEN
USING THOSE DOLLARS TO PAY FOR
ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES FOR OUR
SENIOR SHUTTLE.
SO IT IS OUR GOAL TO REPLACE ALL
OF OUR SHUTTLES THAT ARE NOT
ACCESSIBLE WITH SHUMENTS THAT
HAVE A LIFT AND OLOWER STEP SO
THAT PEOPLE CAN GET MORE EASILY
ON THEM.
WE ARE ABOUT 70% THE WAY THROUGH
OR FLEET NOW THANKS IN PART TO
COUNCIL ON AGING DOLLARS.
WE DO A LAT OF THINGS
ACKNOWLEDGE THIS IS ONE OF OUR
MOST FLEXIBLE POTS OF MONEY
WHICH MAKES IT A GREAT RESOURCE.
>> THAT'S FANTASTIC.
88,070 RESIDENTS THAT BE 60-PLUS
AS OF 2010.
ANY GUESS OF WHAT THOSE NUMBERS
ARE GOING TO BE AT THE 2020
CENSUS?
SIGNIFICANTLY MORE.
>> IT IS GOING TO BE
SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT.
THE LAST DATA I HAVE IS FROM
2017.
AND THE ESTIMATE AT THAT POINT
WAS CLOSE TO 105,000.
>> I CAN THINK OF TWO PEOPLE I'M
QUITE CLOSE TO WHO WERE NOT 60
BLUES IN 2010, BUT ARE SO NOW.
I WOULD VENTURE WE GET CLOSER TO
120 JUST AS THE CITY GROWS AND
PEOPLE STAY AND AGE IN PLACE.
WHICH NEIGHBORHOOD HAS THE
HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF SENIORS?
>> YOU KNOW THE ANSWER TO THIS
COUNCILOR.
WEST ROXBURY.
>> DE LOS TO A QUARTER OF WEST
ROXBURY RESIDENTS.
>> CLOSE TO 25%.
>> I THINK WE SHOULD LOBBY OUR
LEGISLATURE TO UP THAT AMOUNT.
THAT SEEMS KIND OF LOW, RIGHT?
>> YOU KNOW I THINK --
>> I WON'T PUT YOU ON THE SPOT,
EDDIE AND I CAN DO THAT
LOBBYING.

ANYTHING IS GREAT FOR SENIORS.
HOUSING, SENIOR SHUTTLES, BOSTON
SENIORITY, I LOOK FORWARD TO
READING, SO MANY GREAT PROGRAMS.
THAT'S GREAT.

I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS ON
DOCKET 0217, COUNSELOR FLYNN.

>> NO.

>> MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING
THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND
EXPEND THE AMOUNT OF \$1,860,000
IN IN THE FORM OF A GRANT, TO BE
ADMINISTERED BY AGE STRONG
BOSTON.

>> THIS IS AGAIN, THIS IS
PASS-THROUGH MONEY FOR US.

>> OKAY.

>> THIS IS STATE DOLLARS, AND
WHAT THE NUMBER THAT YOU SEE IS
THE AMOUNT OF LAST YEAR'S GRANT
PLUS A BUFFER, IN CASE THE
AMOUNT CHANGES BEFORE THE END OF
THE YEAR SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE
TO COME BACK IN HERE TO YOU.
AND THIS MONEY HELPS FUND
NUTRITION PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON.

SO THIS IS ANOTHER PROGRAM THAT
WE PUT OUT TO BID.

WE HAVE TWO GRANTEES THAT
OPERATE THIS PROGRAM IN THE
CITY.

ONE IS ETHOS AND THE OTHER ONE
IS CHINESE SCHOOL MAID CENTER.
AND TOGETHER THEY ARE DOING BOTH
HOME DELIVERED MEALS SO IF THERE
IS AN OLDER ADULT IN THIS CITY
WHO CANNOT GET OUT AND WHO NEEDS
A HOME-DELIVERED MEAL THEY'RE
PROVIDING THAT MEAL TO THEM,
BRINGING IT TO THEIR DOOR.

THEY ALSO ARE OPERATING A TOTAL
OF 47 CAFES OR CONGREGATE MEAL
SITES ACROSS THE CITY WHERE
PEOPLE OVER 60 CAN COME AND GET
A MEAL FOR FREE, WITH A
SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$2.

AND SO AS THIS IS A VERY
IMPORTANT PROGRAM IN OUR CITY,
THIS IS ALL -- THESE ARE ALL
PASS-THROUGH DOLLARS FOR US.
SO WE DON'T KEEP ANY OF THE

IT -- OF IT.

WE PASS IT THROUGH.

THESE ARE ONE OF THE THREE
COMPONENTS OF NUTRITION FUDGED
THAT COME TO OUR OFFICE THEN WE
GIVE OUT TO PEOPLE IN ETHOS
AROUND --

>> CHINESE MAID I BELIEVE --

>> CHINESE GOLD NEEDS CENTER
DOES PRIMARY AROUND THE
CHINATOWN AREA, I WOULD SAY.
BUT THEIR CONTRACT IS FOR
CHINESE MEALS THROUGHOUT THE
CITY.

SO THEY DO DELIVER HOME
DELIVERED MEALS MORE BROADLY.
THEIR CAFES THAT THEY RUN ARE
PRIMARILY CENTERED AROUND THE UP
CHOINT, DOWNTOWN AREA.

>> THAT'S GREAT.

80-20 PLIT SOME 90 -- 80-20
SPLIT, 90-20?

>> I DIDN'T BRING THOSE NUMBERS.

>> JUST LET US KNOW BEFORE WE
TAKE ACTION NEXT WEEK.
MORE CURIOUS THAN ANYTHING.
THIS MONEY HELPS TO PROVIDE SOME
OF THOSE WONDERFUL CULTURALLY
APPROPRIATE DINING CENTERS.

>> CORRECT.

>> I KNOW THEY DO A SPECIFIC
FOOD, THEY DO AN LGBT CAFE FOR
OLDER ADULTS.
TALK ABOUT THAT.

>> SO THERE ARE ALL DIFFERENT
TYPES OF DINING CENTERS, ALL
DIFFERENT TIMES OF THE WEEK,
SOME RUN IN THE EVENING, SOME ON
THE WEEKENDS, THEY REALLY TRY
THE MEET THE NEEDS OF THE
COMMUNITY.

WE HAVE FIVE I BELIEVE LGBT
FRIENDLY LUNCH SITES THAT ETHOS
RUNS WHICH ARE FANTASTIC SITES,
LUNCH, DINNER, WEEKENDS, THEY
SPREAD THE GAMUT THERE.
WE HAVE OUR CHINESE SITES AND
THEN WE HAVE OTHER SITES WHERE
OUR NUTRITION VENDORS, ETHOS
CONTRACTS WITH VENDORS LIKE CITY
FRESH AND FAIR FOODS, EMILY'S
FAIR FOODS.

SO THOSE VENDORS ARE ABLE TO DO
MORE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC MEALS
AND SOME OF THOSE ARE SERVED AT
THE LUNCH SITES.

DEPENDING ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD
AND THE POPULATION THEY SERVE.

>> ARE THAT'S GREAT.

COMMISSIONER, I AM COMPELLED TO
ASK YOU SOME REALLY TOUGH
QUESTIONS HERE AT THIS HEARING
MANY HERE GOES, I KNOW YOU HAVE
VISITED MANY OF THESE SITES,
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CAFE TO GO
TO?

YOU HAVE TO ANSWER.

>> I REFUSE TO ANSWER COUNCILOR.
THEY ARE ALL GREAT SITES AND
UNIQUE, DEPENDING WHO GOES THERE
AND WHAT OTHER THINGS ARE GOING
ON AT THAT SITE.

>> FAIR ENOUGH.

COUNSELOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR O'
O'MALLEY.

I WANT TO ADD I FREQUENTLY GO TO
THE CHINESE SCHOOL AND AID
CENTER, AND I HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO THE
RESIDENTS THAT ARE HAVING LUNCH
THERE.

AND I CAN TELL YOU FROM
FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE THAT THE
LUNCHES ARE EXCELLENT.
THE -- IT'S PREPARED WELL.
AND SEEING THE ENJOYMENT FROM MY
CONSTITUENTS, BUT FROM
EVERYONE'S CONSTITUENTS, REALLY,
HOW IMPORTANT A NUTRITIONAL
LUNCH IS.

IS VERY -- IS VERY
COMPASSIONATE, IS VERY GOOD FOR
OUR CITY, IT IS VERY GOOD FOR
OUR ELDERLY COMMUNITY.
SO THEY APPRECIATE ALL YOUR
EFFORTS AND HARD WORK.

IT'S A GREAT PROGRAM AND I'LL BE
GLAD TO SUPPORT THIS AND ALL
YOUR PROGRAMS AS WELL.
BUT THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

>> I JUST HAVE ONE THANK YOU,
COUNSELOR FLYNN, ONE FINAL
QUESTION ON DOCKET 0220.

WE HAD EXPLAINED, OR I DON'T
KNOW IF WE DID IT WHILE WE WERE
RECORDING SO I'LL DO IT NOW,
THAT TWO OF THE FIGURES ARE
DIFFERENT THAN ORIGINALLY
LISTED.

THE FIRST WAS DOCKET 0335 WAS
ORIGINALLY -- PUBLICLY NOTICED
AS \$171,242.

IT ACTUALLY WAS \$214,000, I
BELIEVE THAT'S REFLECTING THE
BUFFER OF 25%.

>> THAT'S ON DOCKET 110.
YES.

>> I'M SORRY, THAT'S THE BUFFER.
SO DOCKET 0220 WAS ORIGINALLY
NOTICED OR PUBLIC REPLY NOTICED
AT \$124,263.36.

IT'S ACTUALLY \$1.8 MILLION.
SO WHY SUCH A LARGE DISCREPANCY?

>> SO I'M NOT EXACT REPLY SURE
HOW THE \$124,000 GOT IN THERE.
WE'RE WORK ON FIGURING THAT OUT.
OUR AMOUNT FROM LAST YEAR IS
AROUND VERY CLOSE TO 1.5 MILLION
SO IT IS \$1.5 MILLION PLUS A
SMALL BUFFER IN CASE WE PUT A
25% BUFFER ON IN CASE THINGS
CHANGE TOWARDS THE END OF THE
YEAR.

>> THIS SEEMS TO ME IT WAS A
CLERICAL ERROR.

WAIT, WHAT DID YOU SAY IT WAS
LAST YEAR?

>> IT WAS -- YOU WANT THE EXACT
AMOUNT?

>> YES.

>>> 1,488,127.68.

>> OKAY, I HAD WONDERED IF MAYBE
A FIGURE, IF IT WAS 1.24 MILLION
IF A FIGURE HAD DROPPED.OFF.
BUT SUFFICE IT TO SAY THE FIRST
ONE WE DIDN'T -- THE FIRST
NUMERICAL ERROR BETWEEN WHAT WAS
POSTED AND WHAT WE WILL VOTE ON
IS IT DIDN'T COUNT FOR THE 25%
SORT OF CONTINGENCY.

BUT THIS ONE WAS AN ERROR, WE
WILL BE VOTING ON THE FULL
AMOUNT, \$1.056 -- \$1,860,000.
ALL THESE DOCKETS, MAYBE THAT'S
THE ISSUE.
\$1,860,000.

EVEN, IS WHAT L DOCKET 0220'S
CORRECT AMOUNT IS.

>> YES AND OF COURSE WE WILL
SPEND UP TO OUR CONTRACTED
AMOUNT.

>> CARET.

IF WE DON'T HIT THE BUFFER DO WE

GET TO KEEP IT OR DOES IT HAVE
TO GO BACK?

>> IF WE DON'T GET UP TO THE
BUFFER?

>> YES.

>> IF WE -- IF WE GO BEYOND THE
BUFFER WE'LL HAVE TO COME BACK
TO YOU.

BUT WHAT WE'LL SPEND IS EXACTLY
WHAT OUR CONTRACTED AMOUNT IS.

>> OKAY GOOD.

FINALISTLY FOR AGE STRONG DOCKET
0335, A MESSAGE AND ORDER,
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON
TO ACCEPT AND DEPEND THE AMOUNT
OF \$400,000 FOR A GRANT FOR THE
NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE
GRANT AWARDED BY THE UFS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES, PASSED THROUGH THE
MASS OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE AFFAIRS
TO BE ADMINISTERED BY AGE STRONG
BOSTON.

>> YES.

SO THIS IS ACTUALLY VERY SIMILAR
TO THE STATE ELDER LUNCH PROGRAM
THAT WE JUST TALKED ABOUT,
EXCEPT IT IS A FEDERAL FORCE OF
NUTRITIONAL FUNDING.

THE INCENTIVE PROGRAM COMES TO
US THROUGH THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT, AND THIS IS, AGAIN,
A PASS THROUGH GRANT TO US, IT'S
A PASS-THROUGH GRANT FOR US, IT
IS ONE OF THE THREE SOURCES OF
NUTRITION FUNDING THAT KIND OF
COMBINE TOGETHER TO MAKE THE
FULL PACKAGE.

>> OKAY.

AND DO WE -- WHO IS OUR VENDOR
WITH THIS?

IS IT ETHOS AGAIN?

>> SO WE GO OUT TO BID FOR THE
ENTIRE PROGRAM.

>> YEP.

>> EVEN THOUGH WE'RE VOTING ON
SPECIFIC FUNDING SOURCES WE GO
OUT TO BID FOR THE ENTIRE
PACKAGE.

>> I SEE.

IS THIS CONSISTENT OR GREATER?

>> WE DIDN'T PUT A BUFFER, THIS
NEVER GOES UP.

THIS HAS BEEN LEVEL FUNDED FOR A

SIGNIFICANTLY LONG TIME.

>> OKAY.

IS THIS -- WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT FEDERAL CUTS BEING PROPOSED TO MEALS ON WHEELS, FOR EXAMPLE, IS THAT HOW -- WOULD THIS MONEY BE USED FOR I ASSUME THE DELIVERY SERVICE LIKE MEALS ON WHEELS WILLIAM.

>> THIS MONEY IS USED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS.

IT IS ONE OF THE SMALLER PORTIONS OF OUR FUNDING.

>> I SEE.

>> AND IT HAS BEEN RELATIVELY STABLE AROUND HASN'T REALLY GONE UP OR DOWN FOR A LONG TIME.

>> OKAY, IF IT'S NOT GOING DOWN. OKAY.

ANY QUESTIONS ON THAT?

THANK YOU, COUNSELOR FLYNN.

WE ARE DONE WITH YOU.

TIMELY MS. CHANG, 0336, A MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO EXPEND THE SUCH \$200,000 EVEN, FOR THE IMMIGRANT GRANT INITIATIVE, AWARDED TO THE DONOR GROUP, TELL US ABOUT DOCKET 336.

>> THIS IS A SELECTABLE POOL OF MONEY THAT WE RAISED.

>> THE WE ARE BOSTON GALA AND REALLY ALLOWS OUR OFFICE TO SUPPORT MANY OF THE GRASS ROOTS AND I NENT GRASS ROOTS, IMMIGRANTS-LED, IMMIGRANT-SERVED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, TO EXPAND THEIR POLICEMAN CAPACITY TO SERVE THE DIVERSE COMMUNITIES IN THE CITY, AND ALSO TO SUPPORT SOME OF THE PROGRAMMING THAT ARE KIND OF NOT THE SUM OF THE OTHER INSTALL ORGANIZATIONS, PROVIDING DIRECT SERVICES THAT THEY ARE PROVIDING TO THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE CITY OF BOSTON.

>> GREAT.

SO THIS IS MONEY THAT WAS RAISED AT THE WE ARE BOSTON GALA?

>> CORRECT.

AND THE DONOR GROUP IS THAT AN ACTUAL GROUP OR WE TALKING ABOUT --

>> 0 IT'S ALL CONTRIBUTORS AND

SUPPORTERS OF OUR OFFICE.
SO MANY OF THEM ARE THE
CORPORATE LEADERS.
THEY ARE ALSO SOME OF THE
COMMUNITY LEADERS.

>> EXCELLENT.

>> FROM THE CITY AND BEYOND AS
WELL.

>> IT'S ALWAYS A WONDERFUL EVEN,
DOGS PARTICULARLY WHERE
IMPORTANT WORK AT THIS TIME IN
OUR COUNTRY.

I'VE BEEN SO IMPRESSED WITH YOUR
LEADERSHIP, WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES
LEADERSHIP AND WITH MAYOR
WALSH'S LEADERSHIP.

WHY ALL OF OUR FAMILIES WERE
IMMIGRANTS, MOST OF WHOM ARE
IMMIGRANTS TO THIS COUNTRY, MAKE
SURE ALL BOSTONIANS, WHETHER
THEY ARE DOCUMENTED OR
NONDOCUMENTED KNOW THAT WE SEE
THEM, WE VALUE THEM AND WE ARE
GOING TO PROTECT THEM.

I REALLY APPRECIATE THE CRUCIAL
WORK YOU ARE DOING.

FOUR YEARS AGO I DON'T THINK WE
APPRECIATED THE GRAVITY OF
HAVING AN OFFICE, I BELIEVE IT
WAS CALLED OFFICE OF NEW
BOSTONIANS WHEN I FIRST JOINED
THE COUNCIL AND I ALSO
APPRECIATE MAYOR MENINO AND
MAYOR WALSH FOR HIS CONTINUED
LEADERSHIP.

ALL OF THESE GRANTS ARE NO
BRAINERS, WE WILL BE VOTING
FAVORABLY FOR THEM.

I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK
THAT YOU UP ALL ARE DOING AND --
THAT YOU ALL ARE DOING AND THE
NECESSITY OF THE WORK IN THIS
DAY AND ABLE.

I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR
YOU.

COUNSELOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY, THANK YOU FOR BEING
HERE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GREAT WORK ON BEHALF OF OUR
IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY HERE IN
BOSTON.

I'LL BE VERY BRIEF BUT I WANT TO
ECHO WHAT COUNCILOR O'MALLEY

SAID.

I'M ALSO PROUD TO REPRESENT A
LARGE IMMIGRANT POPULATION,
COMMUNITY HERE IN DISTRICT 2
INCLUDING A LARGE CHINESE
COMMUNITY.

I'M PROUD TO REPRESENT THEM.

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I'M PROUD
OF THEIR OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THEY'VE MADE
TO OUR CITY AND TO OUR COUNTRY.

I'M WORKING WITH THE CITY OF
BOSTON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ON A
FORUM IN CHOINT ON PUBLIC HEALTH
RELATED ISSUES.

SOMETIME OVER THE NEXT TWO OR
THREE MONTHS.

AND WE JUST WANT TO PROVIDE AS
MUCH INFORMATION AS WE CAN, TO
THE CHINATOWN COMMUNITY ABOUT
WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO
THEM, IN HOW THEY CAN ACCESS
VARIOUS SERVICES, VARIOUS
PROGRAMS.

SO I'LL KEEP YOUR OFFICE
INFORMED ABOUT THIS EVENT AND I
KNOW WE'RE WORKING WITH
COMMISSIONER SHAY AS WELL AND
OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS.

BUT MAYBE OVER THE NEXT COUPLE
OF WEEKS IF YOU HAVE SOME TIME I
CAN PROVIDE A BETTER UPDATE ON
WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT.

BUT JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU
FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING WORK AND
ALWAYS ENSURING THAT OUR
IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY IS TREATED
WITH RESPECT AND TREATED WITH
DIGNITY.

AND AS MATT MENTIONED WE'RE ALSO
PROUD OF MAYOR WALSH FOR THE
WELCOMING CITY THAT BOSTON IS TO
IMMIGRANTS.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY
AND COUNSELOR FLYNN.

AT THIS TIME IT'S BEEN
CHALLENGING, TO MY TEAM, TWO OF
THEM ARE HERE, BUT WE CONTINUE
ON WITH YOUR SUPPORT AND WITH
THE MAYOR'S SUPPORT, REALLY
APPRECIATE IT, THANK YOU SO
MUCH.

>> THANK YOU ALL.

I HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENTS.

DOES ANY OF YOU HAVE ANY CLOSING
REMARKS?

SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR
PEACE.

THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING.

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY,
THEY ARE WELCOME TO DO SO.

I SEE NO TAKERS.

ONCE AGAIN, I APPRECIATE THIS.

WE -- YOU KNOW FOR THOSE WHO MAY
BE WATCHING THIS AT HOME.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT
OVERSIGHT ROLES OF THE COUNCIL
IS TO DISCUSS EVERY PENNY THAT
IS SPENT THROUGH CITY'S COFFERS.

WE OFTEN THIS THESE EVENTS THAT
ARE NONCONTROVERSIAL, BUT I
APPRECIATE HEARING WHAT YOU AS
TEAMS ARE DOING AND WE AS A CITY
ARE DOING.

AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING I
WILL BE FAVORABLY REPORTING ON
0109, 0110, DID I HIT THEM ALL?

THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED.

HAVE A GRADE WEEKEND.