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Memo

To: Stoneham Selectboard
From: Anthony Chui, Health Director
Date: December 3rd, 2024
Subject: Request for \$50,000 Allocation to Establish an Emergency Fund

Dear Members of the Stoneham Selectboard,

I am writing to request an allocation of \$50,000 from the Town's free cash reserves to establish an emergency fund within a revolving account. This fund would serve as a resource to support our residents during times of need, such as natural disasters, fires, floods, or other unforeseen emergencies.

Proposed Fund Structure and Use

The emergency fund would be overseen by a committee consisting of the Town Administrator, Health Director, Fire Chief, and Emergency Management Department. This committee would ensure the appropriate and timely use of the fund through a formal submission and review process. Examples of fund use include:

- **Temporary Housing:** Assisting displaced residents.
- **Transportation:** Providing critical travel support during emergencies.
- **Essential Needs:** Supplying food, clothing, and medical necessities.
- **Other Resources:** Addressing unique circumstances that arise during crises.

Support for Vulnerable Residents

With the recent addition of a Social Services Coordinator position, we are in a strong position to identify and connect vulnerable residents to necessary resources. This emergency fund would complement these efforts by providing immediate financial support when other resources are unavailable or delayed.

Rationale for Funding

An emergency fund would enhance Stoneham's ability to respond swiftly and effectively during crises, reducing the long-term impacts on residents. The proposed \$50,000 allocation represents a prudent investment in the safety and well-being of our community, ensuring we are better prepared to address unexpected challenges.

I kindly request your consideration of this proposal and look forward to discussing it further. Thank you for your continued commitment to the well-being of Stoneham's residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Chui', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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