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To: Town Council and Manager Nathan Poore
From: Finance Division
Date: May 20, 2009
Re: Supplemental Appropriation

We request a Supplemental Appropriation from Fund Balance in the amount of \$35,000 for Town Clerk. General Assistance is a State mandated program, which is administered for the Town by the People's Regional Opportunity Program (PROP), that requires municipalities to assist residents in their food, fuel, utility, or housing costs should they meet certain state-specified eligibility requirements. The State will then reimburse the municipality for half of the assistance. We are projecting that we will receive \$10,000 over our budgeted revenue estimate from the State this year, but with the timing of the State reimbursement payments, we do not foresee receiving the remaining funds from the State until the next fiscal year.

With the current economic climate, we have seen General Assistance spending increase dramatically over the last two years. Below is a brief comparison of the spending:

	FY2009 YTD	FY2008	FY2007
Heating Fuel	\$ 3,662	\$ 3,004	\$ 1,365
Food & Prescriptions	5,506	3,512	939
Rent	20,965	9,953	2,893
Utilities	2,603	1,464	1,081
Funeral/Burial	2,880	0	0
PROP	2,728	719	0
<u>Other</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>100</u>
Sub-Total	\$38,345	\$18,774	\$ 6,378
<u>Proj. Remaining Cost</u>	<u>9,000</u>		
Total	\$47,345	\$18,774	\$ 6,378
<u>Budget</u>	<u>14,500</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Variance	\$32,845	\$14,774	\$ 2,878
Applications	88	48	24
Households receiving assist	30	17	11