



City of Cambridge

Executive Department

YI-AN HUANG
City Manager

CMA 2025 #272
IN CITY COUNCIL
November 3, 2025

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation of the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) grant in the amount of \$138,372.00 funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$33,176.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$105,196.00).

The Department of Human Service Programs operates the HEAP program serving Cambridge and Somerville. The program helps with the heating bills during November 1st - April 30th. The program helps clients to receive discount rates on their utility bills and set up payment plans. In 2025, the program served 1,488 clients in both cities. Eligibility is based on household size, annual income, and where that household falls within the Federal poverty guidelines. Eligibility includes households at or below 60% of State median income. For example: an annual income for a household of 1 must be at or below \$51,777; for a household of 2 must be at or below \$67,709; for a household of 3 must be at or below \$83,641; and for a household of 4 must be at or below \$99,573 to qualify.

Very truly yours,

Yi-An Huang
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