



**MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS  
MAYOR BREANNA LUNGO-KOEHN**

April 24, 2025

**Via Electronic Delivery**

To The Honorable President and  
Members of the Medford City Council  
Medford City Hall  
Medford, MA 02155

**Re: Use of Free Cash**

Dear President Bears and City Councilors:

I respectfully request and recommend that your Honorable Body approves the following Free Cash appropriations in the total amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Six Dollars and One Cent (\$229,766.01) on the following items:

- \$198,000.00 for Security Upgrades at MPS buildings, which will be used to increase the total down payment made on a \$1,843,038.74 project (to \$500,000), which will be paid over 5 years; and
- \$31,766.01 for the following claim settlements which are further outlined in the enclosed letter:
  1. Bay State Insurance Company/Itrato - \$15,000.00
  2. GEICO a/s/o Dino Puopolo - \$5,000.00
  3. Safety Insurance Co., as subrogee of John Fagone - \$5,766.01
  4. GEICO a/s/o Salem Woldemariam and Lauren Woldemariam - \$3,500.00
  5. Arbella Mutual Insurance Co. (as subrogee of Anthony Milano) - \$2,500.00

The balance of Free Cash, as of the writing of this letter, is \$27,606,069.12.

Attorney Thomas Lane from KP Law will be available to answer any questions on the claims.

Thank you for your kind attention to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Breanna Lungo-Koehn  
Mayor

Enclosure



# City of Medford

## LAW DEPARTMENT

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Date: April 24, 2025

To: President Isaac B. Bears and Honorable Members of the  
Medford City Council

Fr: Breanna Lungo-Koehn, Mayor

Claimant Name: Bay State Insurance Company aso Alice Itrato  
Date of Accident: October 21, 2022  
Date of Settlement: April 11, 2025  
Date of Trial Result: N/A  
Amount of Request: \$15,000.00  
Claimant's Attorney: **Kevin M. Davis**, Crowley & McCarthy, P.C.

### Description of Alleged Claim:

The claimant, Bay State Insurance Company, seeks compensation for property damage suffered by its insured, Alice Itrato, from a water main break on Emerald Street, causing water to enter the basement of a home located at 51-53 Emerald Street. The necessary Release has been obtained from the claimant.

### Breakdown to Amount Requested:

Property Damage: \$ 15,000.00  
Other: \$ -0-  
Total Settlement: \$ 15,000.00

Claimant Name: GEICO a/s/o Dino Puopolo  
Date of Accident: February 20, 2023  
Date of Settlement: April 17, 2025  
Docket No.: Middlesex Superior Court C.A. No. 2481CV02596  
Amount of Request: \$5,000.00  
Claimant's Attorney: **Edward O. Mazzaferro**, Mazzaferro Law, LLC

Description of Alleged Claim:

This case involves a motor vehicle accident which occurred on February 20, 2023 on Salem Street. At that time, a City Street Sweeper backed into a parked Jeep Compass owned by Dino Puopolo. GEICO paid Mr. Puopolo \$5,704.09 for the property damage. GEICO's counsel has agreed to settle the case for \$5,000.00.

Breakdown to Amount Requested:

Property Damage: \$ 5,000.00  
Other: \$ -0-  
Total Settlement: \$ 5,000.00

Claimant Name: Safety Insurance Co. a/s/o John Fagone  
Date of Accident: February 22, 2022  
Date of Settlement: April 17, 2025  
Docket No. Middlesex Superior Court C.A. No. 2481CV01461  
Amount of Request: \$5,776.01  
Claimant's Attorney: **Joseph P. Bonfiglio**, Bolden & Bonfiglio, LLC

Description of Alleged Claim:

This case involves a motor vehicle accident between a City Fire Ladder Truck and a parked vehicle owned by John Fagone on February 22, 2022. The firefighter operating the vehicle acknowledged to the investigating Police Officer that he struck the parked vehicle when he was attempting to make a left turn onto Veterans Avenue from Spring Street. Safety paid Mr. Fagone \$7,207.51 for the damage to the vehicle. Safety's attorney has agreed to settle the case for \$5,766.01 and has provided a Release for this amount.

Breakdown to Amount Requested:

Property Damage: \$ 5,766.01  
Other: \$ -0-  
Total Settlement: \$ 5,766.01

Claimant Name: GEICO a/s/o Salem Woldemariam and Lauren Woldemariam  
Date of Accident: March 1, 2023  
Date of Settlement: April 17, 2025  
Docket No.: Middlesex Superior Court C.A. No. 2481CV00799  
Amount of Request: \$3,500.00  
Claimant's Attorney: **Edward O. Mazzaferro**, Mazzaferro Law, LLC

Description of Alleged Claim:

This case involves a motor vehicle accident with a vehicle operated by Salem Woldemariam and a City DPW vehicle on Grove Street on March 1, 2023. As the DPW employee was distributing salt and sand, he backed up his vehicle and struck the Plaintiff's stopped vehicle. GEICO paid their insured \$4,428.80 for the damage to their vehicle. GEICO's counsel has agreed to settle the case for \$3,500.00 and provided a Release for this amount.

Breakdown to Amount Requested:

Property Damage: \$ 3,500.00  
Other: \$ -0-  
Total Settlement: \$ 3,500.00

Claimant Name: Arbella Mutual Ins. Co. a/s/o Anthony Milano  
Date of Accident: July 23, 2022  
Date of Settlement: April 17, 2025  
Docket No.: Middlesex Superior Court C.A. No. 2481CV02703  
Amount of Request: \$2,500.00  
Claimant's Attorney: Joseph P. Bonfiglio, Bolden & Bonfiglio, LLC

Description of Alleged Claim:

This case involves a tree limb owned and maintained by the City, that fell and struck Anthony Milano's vehicle. The tree was scheduled for pruning by the Tree Warden in 2019 and 2021 but was not pruned. Subsequently the tree was added to the removal list for Forestry. Arbella Mutual Insurance Co. paid Mr. Milano \$3,926.96 and there was a deductible of \$300.00 for a total claim of \$4,226.96. Arbella's counsel agreed to settle the case for \$2,500.00 and provided a Release for this amount.