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Mayor Robert F. Sullivan Encourages Brockton Residents to Apply for New Federal Funding

Millions of dollars available in expanded food benefits, child tax credits and stimulus checks

BROCKTON – Mayor Robert F. Sullivan is calling on Brockton residents to apply for millions in new federal funding available to Massachusetts residents through several new and expanded government programs.

- **SNAP:** Formerly known as food stamps, SNAP provides money for food purchases. It is currently easier than ever to apply for SNAP, and the benefit amount is at an all-time-high. For example, a family of four with an annual household income below \$53,000 is eligible for \$782 every month. As many as 6,400 Brockton families that may be eligible for SNAP benefits are not currently receiving them, including up to half of those currently receiving P-EBT benefits. With P-EBT ending at the end of this summer and temporary increases in SNAP, there's no better time to apply. To learn more and to receive free application assistance, visit <https://www.map-ebt.org/snap>.
- **Tax Credits:** Beginning in July, low or no-income families with children are eligible to receive monthly payments of up to \$300 per child, per month. In addition, hundreds of thousands of Massachusetts residents are eligible for up to \$3,200 in federal stimulus checks if they did not get them. And thousands of dollars in additional benefits are available through the Earned Income Tax Credit. To receive all of these benefits, Brockton residents need only to file 2020 taxes. To learn more and to receive free application assistance, visit <https://www.findyourfunds.org>.

“SNAP and tax credits are two critical ways that Brockton residents can get more help through government assistance,” said Mayor Robert F. Sullivan. “As Mayor, I do not want anyone in the City of Champions to miss out on any money that could help them in this time of need.”

Mayor Sullivan was joined by Janice Johnson Plumer, Community Outreach Specialist and SNAP Outreach Coordinator for Brockton Public Schools, for a Facebook Town Hall yesterday to discuss the importance of applying for these programs. A video of that event is available here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/330015418596743/>.

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