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Good afternoon, City of Somerville team,

We're pleased to reach out to you today to notify you that you have been selected for our fall round of FY24 EmPower Implementation Award! We also wanted to thank you for applying to our first round of Priority Track Applications. We wanted to clarify that we have approved your award for the Priority Track budget (\$243,094).

For next steps we're proposing the following:

1. Prepare to review your draft contract, which includes your project specific scope of work, and proposal on payment milestones. This will be sent within the next two weeks.
2. Attend an initial selection call, which is *optional but recommended* to discuss any questions you may have on the program, contracting, and next steps. Due to the volume of awardees we will be hosting several group sessions. Please register for one of the following sessions:
 - a. Session 1: Tuesday January 9 2024, 10-11am, [link](#)
 - b. Session 2: Wednesday January 10 2024, 1-2pm, [link](#)
 - c. Session 3: Wednesday January 17 2024, 2-3pm, [link](#)
3. Discuss & scope what is next for your project and what types of in-kind support we can offer.
4. Keep an eye on emails for awardee training webinar(s) on invoicing, project reports, cohorts, and other topics. We will host several slots for these, and these are *mandatory*.

Other initial details:

- Press release: We do not know the status of a formal press release yet, but we will keep teams posted about this. In the meantime, we will be supporting teams in doing their own press and social media. We'll follow up with details on that, as well, including preferred language for "About MassCEC", "About EmPower", etc.
 - **Note: we request that you hold off on press or announcements until the contract is signed. However, if you do prefer to get some news out now, we'll work with your team on content and preferred language.**

Thanks again and we're looking forward to our continued work together!

Best,
EmPower Mass Team

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