



**MAYOR'S OFFICE OF
EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**

MICHELLE WU
Mayor



March 25, 2025

Chief Shumeane Benford
Somerville Police Department
220 Washington St
Somerville MA, 02143

Dear Chief Benford,

Pursuant to MOA 63511 between the City of Boston and the City of Somerville, the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is pleased to notify you that the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) FFY23 funding (CFDA#97.067) under the Safety and Security Goal Area supports the City of Somerville Police Department's acquisition of special response team equipment.

OEM is able to support the cost of this initiative not to exceed Thirty-Eight Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$38,500). The project must be in compliance with all local, state and federal requirements. This project must conform to the specifications laid out in the FFY23 UASI Plan Project Justification U23 – 1.2 *Regional SWAT Sustainability*. Any equipment not already listed in that Project Justification requires prior approval from OEM and EOPSS. All equipment must appear on FEMA's Authorized Equipment List. Procurement must comply with Chapter 30B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Once procurement is completed and invoices have been paid, please submit a signed letter to OEM indicating the amount requested for reimbursement and referencing this award letter and the corresponding UASI grant year. Included with the letter, please submit proof of 30B compliance: copies of agency purchase orders, vendor invoices, and proof of payment to OEM for reimbursement. Final reimbursement request must be submitted to OEM by May 31, 2026. Failure to provide accurate documentation in a timely matter could result in refusal to reimburse your agency for incurred costs.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Stephen Maguire at (617) 343-2400 or stephen.m.maguire@Boston.gov.

Sincerely,

Andrew Bloniarz
Deputy Director