



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT
KATJANA BALLANTINE
MAYOR

TO: Somerville City Council Finance Committee
FROM: Erik Larson RE: File #24-0320: \$131,920 DOE Grant
DATE: April 2, 2024

Committee Members,

Thank you for taking up this matter for consideration. File #24-0320 is a request to accept and expend a \$132,920 grant from the U.S. Dept of Energy, made available to the city through the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EECBG) program. The EECBG Program is designed to assist states and local communities in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions, and to improve energy efficiency. This is a formula grant through which Somerville was allotted \$132,920 for an appropriate project of our choosing.

Seeking a near shovel-ready project that fit the DOE criteria, the planned final phase of the LED lighting conversion project at Argenziano was selected. City Council was originally informed of this project on File #23-1655, when Council graciously approved expending \$165,687 out of the Energy Stabilization fund for its completion. If approved, this EECBG grant will reduce the necessary Energy Stabilization Fund expenditure to \$32,767.

I will be attending the Finance Committee meeting on April 9 to address any questions the committee may have on the matter. If any additional information would be helpful in the meantime, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Erik Larson Somerville Energy Manager Mayor's Office of Sustainability and Environment



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