



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Deval L. Patrick, Governor ◆ Aaron Gornstein, Undersecretary

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Kelly Donoto
City of Somerville
50 Evergreen Ave
Somerville, MA 02145

Dear Ms. Donoto:

The Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Commission was established in 2012 and has been working since to outline a strategy for better understanding the scope and needs of unaccompanied homeless youth. Fortunately this year the state's budget includes resources to enhance the work of the Commission. As a result, I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Housing and Community Development will make a grant of \$5,600 available to the Somerville Continuum of Care in order to support efforts to conduct a count and survey of unaccompanied homeless youth during this year's Point In Time count. Expenses are permitted between the dates of 5/1/16 and 6/30/16.

Participation by the Somerville CoC will be important for our statewide goal of conducting the second annual statewide count of unaccompanied homeless youth and obtaining an improved statewide data set that will inform policy and program design. With a clearer understanding of this vulnerable population we will all be better positioned to allocate resources in a more effective and efficient manner, with the ultimate goal of ending homelessness among youth.

Enclosed with this letter is your contract. The budget you submitted with your application has been approved and should guide your expenditures. Invoices may be submitted no later than July 15th, 2016 and should be sent via email to gordon.calkins@state.ma.us or by mail to Gordon Calkins, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114. Invoices must be accompanied by supporting documentation, such as receipts.

Additionally, you will be receiving an invitation soon to attend an upcoming conference where all CoCs will have the opportunity to share their approaches to planning and executing this statewide count.

Thank you for your commitment to homeless youth and your partnership in the 2016 MA Youth Count effort.

Sincerely,

Rose Evans
Deputy Undersecretary
Department of Housing and Community Development

Enclosures