



CITY OF SOMERVILLE

KATJANA BALLANTYNE
MAYOR

City Councilor Jake Wilson
Chair, Finance Committee
City of Somerville
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Re: Item 23-1351: Requesting approval to appropriate \$100,000 from the Encore Artist and Cultural Support Stabilization Fund to support the Arts Council's Local Cultural Council grant program.

Honorable Chair Wilson and Committee Members,

It is with pleasure that I write to you with the request to accept and expend \$100,000 from the Encore Artist and Cultural Stabilization Fund to support the City's Local Cultural Council (LCC) grant program. This full expenditure will allow the City's LCC grant program to provide direct support to our City's individual artists, organizations, and schools to conduct arts and cultural programming.

This funding, along with a grant from the Mass Cultural Council, will provide approximately \$153,000 directly to the community.

For more information about this work go here: <https://somervilleartscouncil.org/lccgrants>

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Gregory Jenkins
Director