



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE

**KATJANA BALLANTYNE**  
**MAYOR**

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

Re: Item 23-1424: Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$18,400 grant with no new match required, from Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operating support.

Honorable Chair Wilson and Committee Members,

It is with pleasure that I write to you with the request to accept and expend \$18,400 from the Mass Cultural Council's Cultural Investment Portfolio to support the City's Arts Council. This acceptance will allow the Arts Council to fund necessary expenses beyond the Department's City budget to support the City's individual artists, organizations, and schools to conduct arts and cultural programming.

For more information on this state program please visit here:

<https://massculturalcouncil.org/organizations/cultural-investment-portfolio/>

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

Sincerely,

Gregory Jenkins  
Director