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Dear **Mayor Ballantyne**:

**RE: Application: FY26-Somerville-00468**

Congratulations on **City of Somerville** successful application to the FY26 Round of the Community One Stop for Growth. On behalf of the Healey-Driscoll Administration, I am pleased to inform you that a grant in the amount of **\$1,400,000** from the **MassWorks Program** has been approved to support the **Union Square Plaza and Streetscape Phase 1 project**.

A member of our team will be assigned to your grant award and will reach out directly to the project manager named in your application to begin the contracting process. A pre-contract form will be provided to you and must be returned no later than **January 31, 2026**. As a condition of the award your project must be under contract with EOED no later than **June 30, 2026**. If you have any immediate concerns, please contact Senior Director of Communities and Programs, Marc Horne, at [marc.horne@mass.gov](mailto:marc.horne@mass.gov).

Please be advised that this letter does not constitute an agreement or contract with the Executive Office of Economic Development or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the grant award is not final until the organization has executed a contract. You should not proceed with any grant activities until a contract is in place.

The receipt of grant funds is contingent upon the grantee being able to certify that it will comply with the Massachusetts General Laws, including G.L. c. 40A, § 3A, the MBTA Communities Act. Compliance with the MBTA Communities Act is determined by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities.

Finally, public announcement of this award is embargoed until the Administration has had the opportunity to formally announce it through a public event and/or media release. Please refrain from sharing or publicizing news about this award outside of your organization until it is officially announced.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Paley".

Sincerely,  
Eric Paley  
Secretary of Economic Development