

November 23, 2020

Ms. Hannah Payne Climate Change Program Manager Somerville City Hall annex 50 Evergreen Avenue Somerville, MA 02145

Dear Ms. Payne,

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is pleased to inform you that Somerville has been awarded a grant of \$52,250 from MAPC's Accelerating Climate Resiliency Grant Program. The grant program starts upon successful execution of a grant agreement with MAPC and ends on November 30, 2021. The purpose of this grant is to accelerate climate resiliency in Somerville through the *Community Solutions to Build Heat Health Equity in Somerville* project.

Additionally, MAPC is pleased to announce that the Accelerating Climate Resiliency Grant Program will institute a Resilience Community of Practice (RCOP), designed to support grantees, advance better practices to strengthen resilience, and workshop barriers to progress. Grantees are required to attend at least six RCOP meetings over the grant period. All events will be virtual and approximately bimonthly. We will be sending more information about the RCOP soon, including potential dates for the first workshop.

MAPC will contact you with a grant agreement, which will include the scope of work from your proposal within the coming days. Please look to review and return the signed grant agreement as soon as possible. If you have questions regarding the purpose, administration, or timing of the grant, please contact Darci Schofield at <u>dschofield@mapc.org.</u>

We are delighted to contribute to Somerville's climate resilience and to work with you to ensure successful execution of the resiliency project.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Davis Deputy Director