



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING &
LIVABLE COMMUNITIES**

Maura T. Healey, Governor ♦ Kimberley Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor ♦ Edward M. Augustus Jr., Secretary

Via email: mayor@somervillema.gov

January 16, 2025

The Honorable Katjana Ballantyne
City of Somerville
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

RE: Early Action Catalyst Fund Application

Dear Mayor Ballantyne:

Congratulations on Somerville's successful application to the FY25 Early Action Round of the MBTA Communities Catalyst Fund (Catalyst Fund). On behalf of the Healey-Driscoll Administration, I am pleased to inform you that a grant in the amount of **\$1,000,000.00** from the Catalyst Fund has been approved to support the **14-16 Sewall St Acquisition** project.

The Catalyst Fund will start contracting immediately. We will send an Adobe Sign contract (must be e-signed) to the municipal CEO and project contact identified in your application, and an invitation to an online training related to grant administration and contract guidance. For any questions, please contact McKenzie Bell, Senior Community Grants Coordinator, at McKenzie.Bell@mass.gov.

Please be advised that this letter does not constitute an agreement or contract with the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the grant award is not final until the city has executed a contract with EOHLC. You should not proceed with any grant activities until a contract is in place. Finally, please note that public announcement of this award is **embargoed** until the Administration has had the opportunity to formally announce it through a local event and/or media release. Please refrain from sharing or publicizing news about this award outside of your organization until it is officially announced.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edward M. Augustus Jr.".

Edward M. Augustus, Jr.
Secretary, EOHLC

Cc: Sen. Patricia Jehlen Rep. Christine Barber
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven Rep. Mike Connolly