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November 15, 2022

Dear Mayor Katjana Ballantyne,

Congratulations! I am pleased to notify you that the City of Somerville has been awarded a Sustainable Materials Recovery Program grant in the amount of \$28,000. I want to thank you for your commitment to reducing waste and increasing recycling for the benefit of our communities and the environment.

Enclosed you will find further instructions from the Department of Environmental Protection on next steps. Please feel free to contact Janine Bishop at Janine.Bishop@mass.gov if you have any questions.

Governor Charles D. Baker

Lt. Governor Karyn E. Polito

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Mayor Katjana Ballantyne
City of Somerville
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Dear Mayor Ballantyne,

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has awarded the City of Somerville Recycling Dividends Program funds under the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program. The City of Somerville has earned 7 points and will receive \$28,000.

The Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) was created under 310 CMR 19.300-303 and the Green Communities Act, which directs a portion of the proceeds from the sale of Waste Energy Certificates to recycling programs approved by MassDEP. We are awarding over \$4.2 million in SMRP funding to 270 municipalities and regional groups in this round of funding.

Recycling programs play a vital role in limiting our dependence on landfills and incinerators, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting economic activity in the Commonwealth. Recycling Dividend Program (RDP) funds foster investment in local programs including recycling equipment, organics diversion, outreach and education, pilot programs, school recycling, toxics reduction and more. Please refer to the [RDP Approved Expenses List](#) for more information. MassDEP has invested in developing nationally recognized tools to assist municipalities with reducing recycling contamination and improving public awareness of smart recycling practices. We encourage you to utilize the [Recycling IQ Kit](#) and [Recycle Smart MA](#) website and to consult with your MassDEP [Municipal Assistance Coordinator](#) for assistance in implementing these best practices.

To accept your grant award, please sign and return the attached RDP Contract via email before January 15, 2023. After we receive your signed RDP contract, funds will be sent to your community. See the enclosed checklist for further instructions related to your RDP grant. Should you have any questions, please email [Janine Bishop](mailto:Janine.Bishop@mass.gov) at Janine.Bishop@mass.gov.

Thank you for your continued commitment to recycling and waste reduction in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Martin Suuberg
Commissioner

cc: Vital Deshpande, Environmental Coordinator

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