



CITY OF SOMERVILLE

KATJANA BALLANTYNE
MAYOR

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

Re: Item 23-1777 Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$15,000 grant with no new match required, from New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA) to the Arts Council for training and funding for a temporary public art project.

Honorable Chair Wilson and Committee Members,

It is with pleasure that I write to you with the request to accept and expend \$15,000 from NEFA to support Arts Council staff training and public grant offering for a temporary public art project. This acceptance will allow two Arts Council staff to participate in a NEFA public art training workshop, which will culminate with a temporary public art project available to Somerville artists.

For more information on this program, please visit here: <https://www.nefa.org/MakingItPublic>

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

Sincerely,

Gregory Jenkins
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Re: Item 24-0036 Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$53,200 grant with no new match required, from Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for the Local Cultural Council grant program.

Honorable Chair Wilson and Committee Members,

It is with pleasure that I write to you with the request to accept and expend \$53,200 from the Mass Cultural Council to support the City's Local Cultural Council grant program. This acceptance will allow the Arts Council to support grants provided to artists, organizations, and schools. The LCC grant program received \$500k in request this year. Included with Encore funding previously reviewed, along with this state funding, we are on track to re-grant approximately \$170k to the community in 2024.

For more information on this state program and its relationship to municipalities, including ours, please visit here: <https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/>

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

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