October 18, 2022

To: City Councilor Jake WilsonChair of Finance CommitteeCity of Somerville93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143

From: Greg Jenkins, Executive Director, Somerville Arts Council

Re: Mass Cultural Council Grant for Consideration on 10/20/22 Finance Committee Meeting

I am writing to you regarding a request to accept and expend a \$16,900 grant from Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operating support.

The MCC Organizational support grant provides unrestricted funding to the Arts Council. This funding can be used for programming, contractual services, etc. It does not require a match, but rather the funding formula is based on the Department's overall budget.

For more information about this state grant initiative see this page: <a href="https://massculturalcouncil.org/organizations/cultural-investment-portfolio/">https://massculturalcouncil.org/organizations/cultural-investment-portfolio/</a>

Please let me know should you have any additional questions on this grant that would be helpful for the Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

Thank you.