



October 4, 2023

Acting Chief Charles Femino Somerville Police Department 220 Washington Street Somerville, MA 02143

Dear Acting Chief Femino,

Pursuant to MOA #53183 between the City of Boston and the City of Somerville, the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is pleased to notify you that the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) FFY22 funding (CFDA#97.067) under the *Emergency Management Equipment & Maintenance* Goal Area supports the City of Somerville Police Department's acquisition of protective enclosure equipment in order to increase physical protection throughout the region.

OEM is able to support the cost of this initiative not to exceed Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$35,300.00). The project must be in compliance with all local, state and federal requirements. This project must conform to the specifications laid out in the FFY22 UASI Plan Project Justification U22 – 1.1 *Emergency Management Equipment & Maintenance*]. Any equipment not already listed in that Project Justification requires prior approval from OEM. All equipment must appear on FEMA's Authorized Equipment List. Procurement must comply with Chapter 30B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Once procurement is completed and invoices have been paid, please submit a signed letter to OEM indicating the amount requested for reimbursement and referencing this award letter and the corresponding UASI grant year. Included with the letter, please submit proof of 30B compliance: copies of agency purchase orders, vendor invoices, and proof of payment to OEM for reimbursement. Final reimbursement request must be submitted to OEM by May 31, 2025. Failure to provide accurate documentation in a timely matter could result in refusal to reimburse your agency for incurred costs.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mika Jones at (617) 635-1400 or mika.jones@Boston.gov.

Andrew Bloniarz Deputy Director



November 20, 2023

To:

Dennis Donehoo, Preparedness Officer, GPD

From:

Beth McWaters-Bjorkman, EHP Section Chief, GPD

Subject:

EHP Review Completion for Somerville, MA

Documentation for the following project was submitted to the Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) for Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) review.

Project Description: New construction of a 100 ft x 50 ft structure. Grant Recipient: MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

Project Location: 220 Washington Street, Somerville, MA Grant Number(s): 2022-SS-00051 and 2020-SS-00090

Case Number: 2022-SS-00051.47448

**Grant Program: Homeland Security Grant Program** 

The materials submitted were reviewed according to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and other EHP laws, regulations, and Executive Orders.

After review of the documentation provided, the environmental review is now completed in accordance with FEMA Instruction 108-1-1 and DHS Instruction 023-01-001-01. Please inform the recipient that because of this determination their project has been approved for EHP compliance, subject to the conditions outlined below. In addition, where subrecipients are involved, I request you remind the recipient of their responsibility to ensure subrecipients comply with these conditions.

## **Special Conditions:**

- 1. Stop Work if archaeological deposits (for example Indian pottery, stone tools, shell, old house foundations, old bottles) are found/uncovered during construction. The project proponent and/or their contractor must immediately stop all work in the vicinity of the find, take reasonable measures to avoid or minimize harm to the finds, secure all archaeological finds (without removing them), and restrict access to the area of the find. The project proponent must immediately report the archaeological discovery to the State Emergency Management Agency and the FEMA Deputy Regional Environmental Officer Mary Shanks, 617-901-2204. FEMA will determine the next steps.
- 2. Stop Work if human remains are discovered. The project proponent and their

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contractor must immediately stop all work in the vicinity of the discovery and take reasonable measures to avoid or minimize harm to the remains, project all human remains discoveries, and restrict access to discovery sites. The project proponents and their contractor must follow all state laws associated with the discovery of human remains, including immediately notifying the proper authorities. Violation of state law will jeopardize FEMA funding for this project. The project proponent will inform the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the State Archaeologist, the State Emergency Management Agency, and the FEMA Deputy Regional Environmental Officer Mary Shanks, 617-901-2204. FEMA will consult with the SHPO and Tribes, if remains are of tribal origin. Work in the vicinity of the discovery(s) may not resume until consultation is completed and appropriate measures have been taken to ensure that the project is compliant with the National Historic Preservation Act and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

## **Standard Conditions:**

- Any change to the approved scope of work will require re-evaluation for compliance with NEPA and other Laws and Executive Orders.
- This review does not address all federal, state, and local requirements. Acceptance of federal funding requires the recipient to comply with all federal, state, and local laws. Failure to obtain all appropriate federal, state, and local environmental permits and clearances may jeopardize federal funding.
- If ground disturbing activities occur during construction, applicant will monitor ground disturbance and if any potential archeological resources are discovered, will immediately cease construction in that area and notify the State and FEMA.

This is official documentation and must be retained as part of the project record. A copy of this letter will be added to the grant file that includes this project.

If you have further questions please contact GPDEHPinfo@fema.dhs.gov

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