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March 14, 2022

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to accept and expend grant funds from the Mass Cultural Council in the amount of \$26,800, the 2022 allocation to the Newton Cultural Council.

The Newton Cultural Council contributes to the cultural vitality of our city by funding creative, cultural and humanistic projects of Newton cultural organizations, artists, and humanists that benefit and enrich our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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March 11, 2022

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Ave.
Newton, Ma 02459-1449

Dear Mayor Fuller:

I write to request that you submit a docket item to our Honorable City Council, requesting authorization to accept and expend grant funds from the **Mass Cultural Council (MCC)** in the amount of **\$26,800.00**. This is the annual allocation from the MCC to the **Newton Cultural Council (NCC)**, a local cultural council. The purpose of the Local Cultural Councils is to support public programs that promote access, education, diversity, and excellence in the arts, humanities, and sciences in communities across the Commonwealth. Local decision-making is an integral element of this system. LCCs have the right and responsibility to award grants that address cultural needs specific to their communities, and they can decide how to distribute funds if the state policies outlined in the program guidelines are followed. These funds are distributed by an annual grant process adjudicated by the Newton Cultural Council.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Banks".

Nicole Banks
Parks, Recreation & Culture Commissioner

Cc: Maureen Lemieux, CFO
Alissa O. Giuliani, City Solicitor