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# State gives Somerville Arts Council \$30,990

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BOSTON - "Somerville is home to a rich and vibrant arts community," said Rep. Carl Sciortino, D-Medford. "I'm proud that the state is dedicated to furthering these important programs."

The Somerville legislative delegation announced today that the Somerville Arts Council has been awarded a grant of \$30,990 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The announcement was made as part of a statewide funding program by the MCC.

"I've been surprised at studies that consistently show that cultural events generate even more revenue than sports events," added Somerville Democrat, Rep. Denise Provost. "Arts are good for the Massachusetts economy."

The Somerville Arts Council is part of Massachusetts' Local Cultural Council program, the most extensive cultural funding system of its kind in the nation. The Somerville Arts Council supports community-based projects that explore local arts and history, expand education and accessibility, and celebrate diversity.

Sen. Pat Jehlen, D-Somerville, added, "Somerville's Arts Council has a tradition of innovative projects that bring arts and community together. I'm happy we can continue to support their work."

"It's encouraging to see the continuation of funding of the Somerville Arts Council," said Rep. Tim Toomey, D-Cambridge. "Programs like these work to sustain the artistic and cultural life of this city and state."

The Somerville Arts Council has built a diverse range of programming over the years. From the ever growing two-day annual music, art, and crafts event, ArtBeat, to the on-going switchbox project, SAC continues to expand and provide art throughout the city of Somerville.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council is a state agency that promotes excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and sciences, in order to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and contribute to the economic vitality of our communities.

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