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Chris Manni, Chairperson, Select Board Town of Merrimac 4 School Street Merrimac, MA 01860

RE: Application:FULL-FY25-Merrimac-Town of Me-Winter Stre-00887

Dear Chris,

Congratulations on the Town of Merrimac's successful application to the FY25 Round of the Community One Stop for Growth. On behalf of the Healey-Driscoll Administration, we are pleased to inform you that a grant in the amount of \$436,000 from the Rural Development Fund has been approved to support the Winter Street Water Main Replacement.

If this project is located in an MBTA Community, please note that a contract will not be executed if the community is noncompliant with Section 3A of M.G.L. Chapter 40A as determined by EOHLC.

To begin the contracting process, the Rural Development Fund will hold a virtual grantee orientation on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Please save the date and register here. During orientation, you will receive essential information about grant contracts, reporting requirements, reimbursement procedures, and more. The orientation is mandatory for grantees. If you are unable to attend, please send a designee on your behalf or contact us to make an alternate arrangement. All grant correspondence will be sent to the municipal CEO and project contact identified in your application. If any changes to the contacts are required, please let us know. For any questions, please contact Mallory Sullivan, Rural Programs Manager, by email at Mallory.Sullivan@mass.gov or by phone at 857-408-0793.

Please be advised that this letter does not constitute an agreement or contract with the Executive Office of Economic Development or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the grant award is not final until the organization has executed a contract with the Executive Office of Economic Development. You should not proceed with any grant activities until a contract is in place.

Sincerely,

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Anne Gobi, Director of Rural Affairs

Mallory Sullivan, Rural Programs Manager

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Cc: Alyssa Sexton, Administrative Coordinator