October 9, 2019

Brian Noble
Town Administrator
Town of East Bridgewater
175 Central Street
East Bridgewater, MA 02333

Dear Mr. Noble,

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has awarded the Town of East Bridgewater a Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant. The Town of East Bridgewater will receive up to $1,000 for a Small-Scale Initiative.

The Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) was created under 310 CMR 19.300-303 and the Green Communities Act, which directs a portion of the proceeds from the sale of Waste Energy Certificates to recycling programs approved by MassDEP.

As you know, recycling has been impacted by major global market disruptions over the past 18 months as a result of China’s National Sword Policy on recycling contamination, and recycling costs have increased sharply. MassDEP has tools, hands-on technical assistance staff and grants to help communities reduce recycling contamination and educate the public about proper recycling practices. We encourage you to utilize our Recycling IQ Kit grants, Recycle Smart MA website and Recyclopedia search tool and to reach out to your Municipal Assistance Coordinator to discuss the particular challenges you face. We continue to support local recycling companies through our Recycling Business Development Grants to improve processing facilities and expand markets. Recycling programs play a vital role in limiting our dependence on landfills and incinerators, reducing green-house gas emissions and supporting economic activity here in the Commonwealth.

The terms and conditions of your grant are outlined in the attached document, which contains key dates and deadlines specific to your award. This information has also been provided to the municipal recycling contact copied below. Should you have any questions, please call Dawn Quirk at 617-292-5557. Please note that awards for other SMRP grants will be announced separately.

Thank you for your commitment to advancing recycling and waste reduction in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Martin Suuberg
Commissioner

cc: John B. Haines, Director of Public Works