



Boston Athletic Association

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Mr. Richard Jennett Jr., Chair
Board of Selectmen
Town of Natick
13 East Central Street
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Dear Mr. Jennett:

Planning is well underway for the 123rd Boston Marathon on Monday, April 15, 2019. This year's race promises to be a particularly exciting local, national and international sporting event as 30,000 athletes and many thousands more friends and family from around the world will join us for all the festivities on Patriots' Day Weekend.

The Boston Athletic Association, through the generous support of our principal sponsor, John Hancock Financial Services, will continue to underwrite the significant expenses of logistical course support to the Marathon communities, through planning and cooperation with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and other federal, state, and local public safety agencies.

Additionally, we are especially pleased to inform you that in 2019 we are able to increase our level of support, and contribution to the Town of Natick to the amount of \$64,900. As agreed in past discussions, it is in the best interest of each community to determine the use and distribution of the B.A.A. contributions. However, it is our continued hope that available funds will be allocated to local youth and community programs whenever possible.

Further, in order to assist with your future planning and to further demonstrate our commitment to you, we are also very happy to inform you that we will commit additional funds in 2020, 2021, and 2022 in the amounts of \$66,500, \$71,500, and \$71,500 respectively. The B.A.A. will celebrate the 125th running of the Boston Marathon in 2021, and as such the contribution will increase accordingly. The B.A.A. is both pleased and proud to commit such an unprecedented and noteworthy level of support to the Town of Natick, totaling \$274,400 over the next four years.

We anticipate funds will be sent on or around March 1st 2019, similar to past years.

On behalf of all of us at the Boston Athletic Association, thank you again for your support and commitment to the Boston Marathon. We look forward to working with you and to our continued mutual success.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Grilk
Chief Executive Officer

Jack Fleming
Chief Operating Officer

CC: Mr. William Chenard, Acting Town Administrator