

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager to accept and expend an Urban Agenda grant to support economic development in collaboration with our partners at South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) to be administered by the Department of Planning and Development and the Office of the City Manager.

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The Urban Agenda grant program offers funding, on a competitive basis, to local partnerships in selected urban communities, to implement projects that are based on creative collaborative work models with the goal of advancing and achieving economic progress; and

The primary goals of the project will be to enhance community partnerships and increase workforce participation, while expanding opportunity in a way that drives diversity and inclusiveness; and

This Grant will make available to the City the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars to provide funding for an Urban Agenda Program Grant to support economic development for a high needs population in conjunction with a community partner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL:

That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to accept and expend funds from an Urban Agenda Grant in the amount of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars, to be administered by the Department of Planning and Development and the City Manager's Office to support economic development in collaboration with our partners at South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC).

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, be and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said Urban Agenda Grant.

V:grant/urbanagenda

Eileen M. Donoghue  
City Manager

Kara Keefe Mullin  
Assistant City Manager

March 24, 2020

Mayor John J. Leahy  
and  
Members of the City Council

REFERENCE: Accept and Expend Vote for \$100,000 for Urban Agenda Grant

Dear Mayor Leahy and Members of the City Council:

The City Administration and the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) are pleased to submit this Vote to accept and expend an Urban Agenda grant to support economic development in collaboration with our partners at South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC). The Urban Agenda grant program offers funding, on a competitive basis, to local partnerships in selected urban communities, to implement projects that are based on creative collaborative work models with the goal advancing and achieving economic progress.

The City's Homeless Initiatives Director will be collaborating with SMOC and the Lowell Transitional Living Center (LTLC) to increase their capacity for job search, as well as working with LTLC on a small stipend program to provide a small group of shelter guests with job skills and opportunities towards meaningful longer term employment. The primary goals of the project will be to enhance community partnerships and increase workforce participation, while expanding opportunity in a way that drives diversity and inclusiveness. This partnership builds on the recommendations of the City Manager's Coordinating Council on Homelessness and Sustainable Housing, which is an outcome of the Task Force that was convened in 2019 to prevent, reduce and end chronic homelessness in Lowell.

Attached please find a Vote to accept and expend an Urban Agenda Program Grant to support economic development for a high needs population in conjunction with a community partner.

Sincerely,



Eileen M. Donoghue  
City Manager

EMD/ns  
Attachment

cc: Diane N. Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director  
Christine P. O'Connor, City Solicitor  
Craig Thomas, Deputy Director, DPD  
Mary Shannon Thomas, Director of Homelessness Initiatives