

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the approval and submission of the Federal Fiscal Year 2020-2021 City of Lowell Annual Action Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

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The City of Lowell is submitting a Federal Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which plan will address the community development and housing needs and priorities identified by the community; and

The Federal Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan calls for the anticipated expenditure of \$2,765,481 in funding for the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; and

The Lowell City Council determines that the proposed use of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding is necessary and desirable in order to improve the economic and living conditions of the residents of the City; and

The Annual Action Plan includes the anticipated expenditure of \$2,825,481 in funding for the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 which includes a total of **\$1,863,000** in CDBG, **\$786,156** in HOME, **\$176,325** in ESG for a Total of \$2,825,481 in Federal grant funds.

The Lowell City Council determines that the proposed use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG Program funding for the City of Lowell, is necessary and desirable in order to improve the economic and living conditions of the residents of the City.

BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

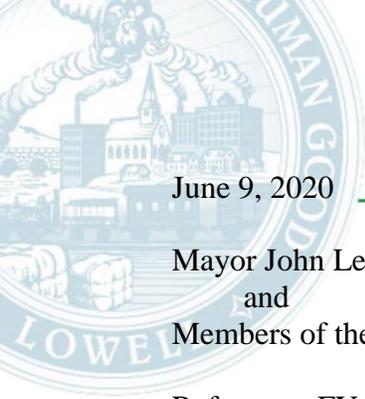
That the proposed plan for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, Emergency Solutions Grant, is hereby endorsed, approved and included in the Federal Fiscal Year 2020-2021 City of Lowell Annual Action Plan, to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for its approval.

**2020-2021 Draft Annual Action Plan**

The following activities have been selected to receive support using Consolidated Plan program funds during the 2020-2021 program year

	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	
<b>CDBG Public Service</b>			
	Angkor Dance Troupe	Angkor's Creative Works Program	\$ 15,000.00
	Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence	Lowell Asian Initiative Against Domestic Violence	\$ 15,000.00
	Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell	MVP For Life	\$ 15,000.00
	Community Teamwork, Inc.	Fuel Assistance Program	\$ 15,000.00
	Community Teamwork, Inc.	Mill City Mentoring Program	\$ 15,000.00
	Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell	Summer Outreach Program	\$ 15,000.00
	House of Hope, Inc.	Learn to Work Program	\$ 15,000.00
	Lowell Association for the Blind	Advocacy/Services for the Blind	\$ 15,000.00
	Lowell Council on Aging	Interpreter Services	\$ 20,000.00
	Lowell House, Inc.	The Accessibility Project	\$ 15,000.00
	Lowell House, Inc.	Recovery Coaching Academy	\$ 15,000.00
	Mass Alliance of Portuguese Speakers	Lowell Immigrant & Elder Services	\$ 15,000.00
	MassHire Greater Lowell Workforce Board	Lowell Career Readiness	\$ 15,000.00
	Merrimack Valley Food Bank	Mobile Pantry	\$ 15,000.00
	Merrimack Valley Food Bank	Food Distribution	\$ 15,000.00
	Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership	First Time Home Buyer Training	\$ 15,000.00
	Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities	Lowell Food Bank Collaborative	\$ 40,000.00
	Project Learn, Inc.	Girls Who Code	\$ 15,000.00
	Mill City Grows	Amory Park Gardens	\$ 15,000.00
	YWCA of Lowell	Youth Enrichment Training Institute	\$ 15,000.00
<b>CDBG Non-Public</b>			
	City of Lowell	Senior Center Lease	\$350,000.00
	City of Lowell	Sanitary Code Enforcement	\$100,000.00
	City of Lowell	Fire Truck	\$650,000.00
	City of Lowell	Economic Development Assistance	\$ 90,000.00
	City of Lowell	Hovey Park	\$250,000.00
	Acre Family Child Care	Family Child Care Development	\$ 35,000.00
	Habitat for Humanity	Critical Home Repairs for Seniors	\$ 25,000.00
	Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust	Urban Forestry Program	\$ 20,000.00
	YWCA	Acre Youth Center Appliance	\$ 13,000.00
<b>ESG</b>			
	Community Teamwork, Inc	Outreach and Prevention	\$ 80,000.00
	House of Hope, Inc.	House of Hope Shelters	\$ 35,000.00
	Lowell Transitional Living Center	Winter Emergency Bed Program	\$ 16,325.00

Lowell Transitional Living Center	Homeless Diversion Services	\$ 45,000.00
<b>HOME</b>		
City of Lowell , DPD	First Time Home Buyer	\$300,000.00
City of Lowell , DPD	Home Housing Rehab	\$350,000.00
CHDO Reserve	Community Development Housing Organization	\$136,156.00



June 9, 2020

Mayor John Leahy  
and  
Members of the City Council

Eileen M. Donoghue  
City Manager

Kara Keefe Mullin  
Assistant City Manager

Reference: FY 2020-2021 Action Plan

Dear Mayor Leahy and Members of the City Council:

The City of Lowell Department of Planning and Development is pleased to present the attached Action Plan for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This document provides a strategy for the use of federal entitlement funds granted to the City by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. Programs and activities described in the plan are intended to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents of the City, neighborhoods with high concentrations of low- and moderate-income residents, and the City as a whole. Changes this year include HOPWA funds for Middlesex County that will now be distributed through the City of Cambridge as Lowell's status has changed and Cambridge has surpassed the City of Lowell as the most populous unit of general local government in Middlesex County.

The Action Plan includes tentative funding awards for the 2020 –2021 Program Year. The projects proposed were solicited through a competitive RFP process as a volunteer Citizens Advisory Committee and the Administration worked hard to ensure that the goals of the Action Plan are met. A list of funding recommendations is attached to this communication. Please note that these awards do not include the special funding provided in the coronavirus relief act, also known as the CARES Act. The CARES Act funding will be awarded through a separate RFP process in June.

The Lowell City Council must approve this document before it is submitted to HUD. The Law Department has prepared the necessary vote for your consideration.

If you have any questions about these documents or this process, please feel free to contact me or DPD Director Diane Tradd at 978-674-1401.

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  
Christopher Samaras, Community Development Director