

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager on Behalf of the City of Lowell, to accept a Gift made to the City of Lowell Health Department.

The Tewksbury Police Department through their “Overdose Data to Action” (OD2A) grant desires to donate to the City of Lowell Health Department a gift of two tablet computers and two tablet cases to be used for outreach purposes to connect individuals in the community with immediate case management. The OD2A grant focuses on the complex and changing nature of the opioid epidemic, and highlights the need for enhanced and cooperative surveillance to gather data; and

The City of Lowell desires to accept the gift of two tablet computers and two tablet cases that will be used by the Lowell CO-OP for outreach purposes to connect individuals in the community with immediate case management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED:

That the City Manager be and she is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Lowell, to accept a gift from the Tewksbury Police Department through their “Overdose Data to Action” (OD2A) grant for use by the City of Lowell Health Department of two tablet computers and two tablet cases that will be used by Lowell CO-OP for outreach purposes to connect individuals in the community with immediate case management, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A ½.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager will convey the City’s appreciation for the gift.

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Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

September 29, 2020

Mayor John J. Leahy
And
Members of the Lowell City Council

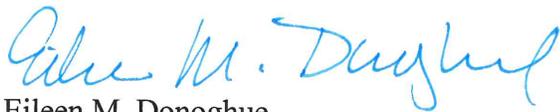
Dear Mayor Leahy and Members of the Lowell City Council,

I respectfully request that the City Council vote to accept a gift of two tablet computers from the Tewksbury Police Department through their "Overdose Data to Action" (OD2A) grant.

The OD2A grant focuses on the complex and changing nature of the opioid epidemic, and highlights the need for enhanced and cooperative surveillance to gather data. The Tewksbury Police Department has gifted the Lowell Health Department two tablets and two tablet cases to be used for outreach purposes to connect individuals in the community with immediate case management. At this time, the tablets will be used by the Lowell CO-OP. Should outreach for post-opioid overdose be again limited due to regulations pertaining to COVID-19, the tablets can be used to connect individuals in the community to the Lowell CO-OP. The Lowell Health Department will be responsible for oversight of the tablets, including covering the cost of a data plan should that be determined necessary.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,



Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

Cc: Conor Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer
Joanne Belanger, Director Health & Human Services