



Eileen Donoghue
City Manager

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Leahy and Members of the City Council

FROM: Eileen Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*

DATE: February 7, 2020

SUBJECT: Public Safety Infrastructure Funding (**Motion by C. Elliot on 1/21/2020** - Req. City Council Vote To Request Statehouse Delegation Work With Administration To Fund 4 Million Dollar Earmark In Bond Bill - H4549 - "Act Providing For Capital Repairs And Improvements" - For The Study, Design And Make Capital Improvements For A Public Safety Facility With Fire And Police Services In The City Of Lowell.)

As previously reported in a memo included on the February 4, 2020 City Council agenda, letters have been submitted to Lowell's state delegation and the Governor relative to \$4 million for the study, design and improvement of public safety facilities in the City previously authorized in a 2018 bond bill.

The delegation is committed to supporting the City in our efforts to seek funding for improvements to our public safety, and in response to our request, the delegation has submitted a letter to the governor reiterating the importance of this funding. A copy of that letter is enclosed.

I will continue to work with the delegation on this matter, and will keep the City Council apprised of any pertinent updates.



THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

February 5, 2020

The Honorable Charles Baker
Governor of the Commonwealth
State House, Room 360
Boston, MA 02133

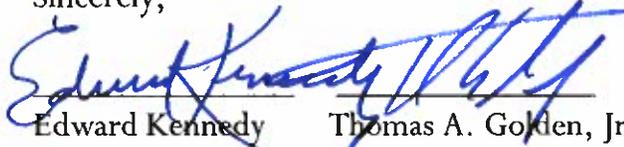
Dear Governor Baker,

We hope this letter finds all is well. As members of the Lowell legislative delegation, we are writing in support of the city of Lowell's request for the release of funds appropriated by the legislature in a 2018 capital assets bond bill, H. 4549, *An Act Providing for Capital Facility Repairs and Improvements for the Commonwealth*.

More specifically, \$4 million was allocated in line-item 8000-3502 for fire and police services in the city of Lowell. Fire stations in the city are in much need of repair, and recent site assessments have determined that there is a critical need for electrical, plumbing and heating upgrades, as well as asbestos removal. As you well know, improvements to the city's public safety facilities are crucial to keeping our citizens safe, and the distribution of these funds will greatly assist the city in its efforts to provide the safety facilities, vehicles and equipment that first responders and public safety staff need to meet the dangers and challenges they face each day.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this pressing matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

			
Edward Kennedy	Thomas A. Golden, Jr.	David M. Nangle	Rudy Mann
State Senator	State Representative	State Representative	State Representative
1st Middlesex District	16 th Middlesex District	17 th Middlesex District	18 th Middlesex District

CC: Thomas Turco, *Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security*
Michael Heffernan, *Secretary of the Executive Office of Administration and Finance*
Eileen Donoghue, *Lowell City Manager*