

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager, acting through the Department of Planning and Development, to accept and expend a Grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 from US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Brownfields assessments.

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The US Environmental Protection Agency has made available grant funds for Brownfields assessments; and

The City of Lowell desires to accept, and expend funds from the US Environmental Protection Agency for Brownfields assessments;

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

That the City Manager, acting through the Department of Planning and Development, be and is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Lowell to accept and expend a Grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the US Environmental Protection Agency for Brownfields assessments; and

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 grants from the US Environmental Protection Agency grant funds for Brownfields assessments.



Eileen M. Donoghue  
City Manager

Kara Keefe Mullin  
Assistant City Manager

May 12, 2020

Mayor John Leahy  
and  
Members of the City Council

REFERENCE: Approval to Accept and Expend U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant

Dear Mayor Leahy and Members of the City Council:

The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) is requesting approval to accept and expend a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Assessment Grant in the amount of \$300,000. Lowell has been awarded the maximum amount applicants may apply for under this program.

The EPA Brownfields Program has proven to be an integral partner in the successful assessment and cleanup of numerous City properties burdened by environmental contamination issues. EPA has significantly supported Lowell on its road to revitalization. They continue to do so with this funding, which will allow for additional redevelopment opportunities Citywide and within the Ayer's City Industrial Park, the basis for this grant application.

The attached vote authorizes DPD to accept and expend \$300,000 in U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant funding. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact Diane Tradd at the Department of Planning and Development at 978-674-1401.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Donoghue  
City Manager

EMD/ns

Attachment

cc: Diane Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director  
Christine P. O'Connor, City Solicitor  
Craig Thomas, Deputy Director  
Sarah Brown, Environmental Officer