

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager on Behalf of the City of Lowell, to accept and expend a Grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) regarding the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Action Grant (MVP).

The City of Lowell desires to accept and expend a Grant in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand (\$138,000.00) Dollars through the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) regarding the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Action Grant (MVP) which will offer financial resources to municipalities that are seeking to advance adaptation to the impacts of climate change; and

The City of Lowell was awarded \$138,000.00 for the Claypit Brook Climate Resilience Stormwater Management Capital Improvement Plan.

BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL:

That the City Manager be and she is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Lowell, to accept and expend a Grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) regarding the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Action Grant (MVP) of One Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand (\$138,000.00) Dollars for the Claypit Brook Climate Resilience Stormwater Management Capital Improvement Plan.; 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 grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), including the expenditure thereof.



Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

October 13, 2020

Mayor John Leahy
and
Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: Apply, Accept, and Expend a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Action Grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Dear Mayor Leahy and Members of the City Council:

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) opened the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action grant in May 2020. This competitive grant program offers financial resources to municipalities that are seeking to advance adaptation to the impacts of climate change.

EEA awarded \$10.4 million in the current grant round on a competitive basis. Lowell was awarded \$138,000 for the Claypit Brook Climate Resilience Stormwater Management Capital Improvement Plan. Earlier this year, Lowell received an MVP Planning Grant to assess and prioritize strategies to address vulnerabilities due to climate change. During this planning process, a major vulnerability identified was the anticipated increase in the frequency of intense rainfall events leading to potential flood risks. The project funded through the MVP Action grant involves modeling current and future climate conditions, assessing the complete drainage system, identifying opportunities for green infrastructure and nature-based solutions, and identifying/prioritizing projects to mitigate flooding risks within the Claypit Brook Watershed of the Pawtucketville neighborhood of Lowell.

Your favorable consideration of this application would be greatly appreciated. Attached please find a copy of the Vote to accept, and expend up to \$138,000 for the MVP Action Grant funds as described above.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

KM/cc

Attachment

cc: Christine P. O'Connor, City Solicitor
Christine Clancy, Commissioner of Public Works