

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and to Expend Funds from a grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life (“CTCL”) to be administered by the Election Department.

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The Center for Tech and Civic Life (“CTCL”) has available to the City of Lowell in the amount of One Hundred Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Five and 00/100 (\$108,975.00) Dollars; and

The City of Lowell is desirous of accepting and expending said Grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life (“CTCL”); and

The Grant will make available to the City the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Five and 00/100 (\$108,975.00) Dollars to be used exclusively for the public purpose of planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration in the City of Lowell in 2020.

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

That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to accept and expend funds from a grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life (“CTCL”) to be administered by the Election Department in the amount of One Hundred Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Five and 00/100 (\$108,975.00) Dollars, to provide funding to be used exclusively for the public purpose of planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration in the City of Lowell in 2020.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, be and is, authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with the grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life (“CTCL”), including the expenditure thereof.



Eileen Donoghue  
City Manager

October 7, 2020

Mayor John Leahy  
and  
Members of the City Council

RE: Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) Elections Grant

Dear Mayor Leahy and Members of the City Council:

I am pleased to report that City of Lowell has been awarded a grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL). The Center for Tech and Civic Life is a publicly supported 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that works to provide election officials with affordable opportunities to expand communication and technology skills through tools and training. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Center for Tech and Civic Life offered grants to local election jurisdictions across the country to aid municipalities in obtaining the staffing, training, and equipment necessary to ensure voter participation and safety during the November election. In response to the Lowell Elections and Census Office's application, CTCL has awarded the City of Lowell \$108,975.00 in grant funding. Per the terms of the grant, this funding shall exclusively be used towards the procurement of supplies and services that will ensure the safe and secure administration of the upcoming November 3, 2020 election, such as the procurement of voting and PPE equipment for staff and poll workers, non-partisan voter education, voter outreach, poll site cleaning, voting materials in languages other than English, and other authorized uses.

In obtaining the grant I wish to recognize the work of Interim Director of Elections Elliott Veloso. With this grant, the City will continue with its ongoing efforts to ensure a safe, secure, and efficient election for the City of Lowell.

Very truly yours,

Eileen M. Donoghue  
City Manager

cc: Kara Keefe Mullin, Asst. City Manager  
Christine P. O'Connor, City Solicitor  
Elliott J. Veloso, Interim Director of Elections