

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 State of Massachusetts, Department of Public Health in the amount of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars, for the continuation of the “Massachusetts Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative” (MOAPC) grant for Fiscal 2021 for use by the City of Lowell Health Department.

The City of Lowell and the surround towns (Chelmsford, Dracut, Tewksbury, Westford, and Wilmington) work as a collaborative on the MOAPC initiative via the Prevention Professionals of Northern Middlesex prevention coalition, with Lowell being the lead agency of the grant and fiscal agent.

BE IT VOTED:

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 State of Massachusetts, Department of Public Health “Massachusetts Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative” (MOAPC) for Fiscal 2021 in the amount of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars, to pay the salary of the MOAPC Coalition Coordinator and other operational expenses related to the program’s efforts to implement opioid use prevention education and harm reduction strategies within the Greater Lowell communities of Chelmsford, Dracut, Tewksbury, Westford, and Wilmington for use by the City of Lowell Health Department.

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 State of Massachusetts, Department of Public Health, including the expenditure thereof.



Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

September 15, 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 and appropriate grant funding from the Commonwealth in the amount of \$100,000 for the continuation of the Massachusetts Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative (MOAPC) for Fiscal Year 2021. The funds are to be used to pay the salary of the MOAPC Coalition Coordinator and other operational expenses related to the program's efforts to implement opioid use prevention education and harm reduction strategies within the Greater Lowell communities of Lowell, Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Tewksbury, Westford, and Wilmington. Lowell and the surround towns work as a collaborative on the MOAPC initiative via the Prevention Professionals of Northern Middlesex prevention coalition, with Lowell being the lead agency of the grant and fiscal agent. Fiscal year 2021 will be the 7th and final year that the Lowell Health Department will be awarded the MOAPC grant by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

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