

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Expend Funds from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) in the amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand One Hundred and 00/100 (\$140,100) Dollars.

The City of Lowell is desirous of accepting and expending a Grant called the Shared Streets and Spaces from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT); and

The Grant will make available to the City the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand One Hundred and 00/100 (\$140,100.00) Dollars to support the City's existing streatory program and enable customers to feel safe while supporting our local economy during the cooler months.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 called the Shared Streets and Spaces from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) in the amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand One Hundred and 00/100 (\$140,100.00) Dollars to support the City's existing streatory program and enable customers to feel safe while supporting our local economy during the cooler months.

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, including the expenditure thereof.

Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

Kara Keefe Mullin
Assistant City Manager

October 13, 2020

Mayor John J. Leahy
and
Members of the City Council

REFERENCE: Approval to apply for, accept and expend a Shared Streets and Spaces Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Dear Mayor Leahy and Members of the City Council:

The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) is requesting approval to apply for, accept and expend a Shared Streets and Spaces Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for \$140,100 to continue the City's existing streatory program through the fall and, potentially, the winter.

On June 9, the City Council unanimously passed the ordinance titled Street Seats in the Public Space. Prior to and since passage, Development Services staff have coordinated with the Department of Public Works to review and approve applications for 28 eligible businesses to operate outdoor dining. To date, we have received an overwhelmingly positive response from members of our community and small business owners about the outdoor dining. The program has allowed restaurants to remain open and enabled customers to feel safe while supporting our local economy. The Shared Streets and Spaces Grant will support the City's existing streatory program and enable customers to feel safe while supporting our local economy during the cooler months. This application will ensure our main streets and public spaces accommodate foot traffic that our restaurants and retailers rely on. The application included a request for funding for propane heaters, landscape materials, supplies for public art, and pop-up tents to support our business corridors and make them more pedestrian friendly.

I respectfully request that the City Council authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept and expend \$140,100 from the Shared Streets and Spaces Grant Program to procure propane heaters, landscaping materials, infrastructure for art installations, as well as temporary materials to support pop-up markets and events.

Sincerely,



Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

EMD/ns

Attachment

cc: Diane N. Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director
Christine P. O'Connor, City Solicitor
Christine M. McCall, Director of Economic Development