

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager on Behalf of the City of Lowell, to apply, 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 apply, accept and expend a Grant in the amount of One Hundred Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty (\$108,750.00) 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 is applying for an award of \$108,750.00 to study an earthen levee along Beaver Brook in Centralville in an area that is prone to flooding.

The City will provide the required 25% match through in-kind staff time. The total value of the in-kind match would be \$36,250.

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 apply, 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 Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty (\$108,750.00) Dollar to study an earthen levee along Beaver Brook in Centralville in an area that is prone to flooding; 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

May 4, 2021

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 March 2021. This competitive grant program offers financial resources to municipalities that are seeking to advance adaptation to the impacts of climate change.

The grant application will include a project to study the Assessment and Evaluation of Climate Resilient Alternatives for Earthen Dam at Beaver Brook. This area in Centralville is prone to flooding and was identified as a high priority action from Lowell's MVP/HMP Planning Grant process completed in June 2020. A major vulnerability identified in the planning process was the anticipated increase in the frequency of intense rainfall events leading to potential flood risks. The project area of Beaver Brook was singled out as being potentially vulnerable due to uncertainties associated with the stability of this earthen structure.

Your favorable consideration of this application would be greatly appreciated. Attached please find a copy of the Vote to accept, and expend up to \$108,750 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
Alex Magee, Deputy Director of Administration and Finance Public Works
Katherine Moses, Energy Manager