

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, acting through the Department of Planning and Development, to apply for, accept and expend funds from the OneStop For Growth Grant, Housing Choice Program through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars.

The City of Lowell's Department of Planning and Development is desirous of applying for, accepting and expending said Grant from DHCD; and

This Grant will make available to the City the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars to update the City-wide Master Plan.

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

That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, acting through the Department of Planning and Development be and hereby is, authorized to apply for, accept and expend funds in the amount of up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars from the OneStop For Growth Grant, Housing Choice Program through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to update the City-wide Master Plan.



Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

Kara Keefe Mullin
Assistant City Manager

May 20, 2021

Mayor John Leahy
and
Members of the City Council

REFERENCE: Approval to Apply/Accept/Expend One Stop for Growth State Grants

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 four OneStop For Growth state grants for the total amount of \$9,825,000. The grants, which are due June 4th, are as follows:

1. Housing Choice Program – up to \$250,000 to update the City-wide Master Plan;
2. MassWorks Infrastructure Program – up to \$2,500,000 to building public infrastructure to support the Acre Crossing redevelopment by Jeanne D’Arc Credit Union;
3. MassWorks Infrastructure Program – up to \$7,000,000 to construct Phase 2 of the Tanner Street Realignment Project; and
4. Community Planning Program – up to \$75,000 for a transit-oriented development study around Gallagher multi-modal station.

The proposed infrastructure investments and planning studies will help DPD prioritize planning efforts and enhance City-wide redevelopment opportunities moving forward. The attached vote is to apply for, accept, and expend these four grants through the state’s consolidated OneStop system. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact Christine McCall at the Department of Planning and Development at 978-674-1401.

Sincerely,

Eileen Donoghue
City Manager

cc: Christine McCall, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director
Christine O’Connor, City Solicitor
Craig Thomas, Deputy Director
Camilo Espitia, Chief Design Planner