

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept and expend Funds in the form of a Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) under the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP) for the use of the City of Lowell's Parking Department administered through the City of Lowell to acquire and install EV charging stations.

The program offers up to 100% of the hardware and installation costs for EV chargers for a maximum of \$50,000 per street address for municipalities. The Parking Department would like to use these funds to expand EV charging in the HCID Garage and the Gorham St Lot. The City of Lowell will receive an amount not to exceed Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-One and 00/100 (\$93,941.00) Dollars for the EVIP Grant funds.

BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and expend up to Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-One and 00/100 (\$93,941.00) Dollars on behalf of the City of Lowell, from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) under the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP) for the use in the City of Lowell's Parking Department administered through the City of Lowell to acquire and install EV charging stations.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager is authorized to execute the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Standard Contract form and any other documents necessary for the acceptance and expenditure of said grant funds on behalf of the City of Lowell.



Terence J. Ryan
Parking Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Eileen Donoghue, City Manager
FROM: Terry Ryan, Parking Director

DATE: July 7, 2021

SUBJECT: Apply, Accept, and Expend an Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (EVIP) Grant

The MassEVIP Public Access Charging incentive is one of several MassDEP rolling grant programs aimed at making electric vehicles (EVs) and EV charging stations more widely available across Massachusetts. The MassEVIP Public Access Charging Program provides incentives for property owners or managers with publicly accessible parking to acquire and install EV charging stations. The program offers up to 100% of the hardware and installation costs for EV chargers for a maximum of \$50,000 per street address for municipalities. The Parking Department would like to use these funds to expand EV charging in the HCID Garage and the Gorham St Lot. For Gorham St, 2 charging stations would be added and 10 charging stations would be added to HCID.

The costs not covered by the grant (including networking fees and bollards associated with the stations) will be covered with Parking Department operational funds for Gorham St. The cost of adding EV stations was included in the HCID construction planning, so this grant will only lower the overall garage construction cost.

The City has continued to expand its EV charging network in recent years through short-term grant and incentive programs. The expansion of EV charging stations aligns with our Sustainable Lowell 2025 master plan and has the potential to attract additional vehicles to municipal parking facilities/lots, providing potential increased revenue for the Parking Department.

Your favorable consideration of this application would be greatly appreciated. Attached please find a copy of the Vote to accept, and expend up to \$93,941 for the EVIP Grant funds as described above.

Sincerely,

Terence Ryan

Parking Director

Attachment

Cc: Christine P. O'Connor, City Solicitor
Katherine Moses, Energy Manager