

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 Cultural District Grant in the total amount of \$7,500.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts via the Massachusetts Cultural Council (“MCC”).

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The Massachusetts Cultural Council has made available to the City of Lowell grant funds in the amount of Seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$7,500.00) Dollars; and

The City of Lowell desires to accept and expend said grant funds to help support the Canalway Cultural District with projects at Derby Park on Middle Street, including the painting of a new mural as well as activities at the park during the mural painting process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL:

That the City Manager of the City of Lowell is hereby authorized to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$7,500.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts via the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



June 9, 2022

Mayor Sokary Chau  
And  
Members of the Lowell City Council

Dear Mayor Chau and Members of the Lowell City Council

I humbly request that the City Council vote to accept and appropriate two grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. This funding will be used to spur development downtown by contributing to the revitalization efforts at Derby Park on Middle Street and by contributing to launching a new festival that will highlight Lowell's artists, restaurants, galleries and other cultural assets. Information on both grants is below.

- Grant #1 – Massachusetts Cultural Council – Cultural District Grant for the Canalways Cultural District. This grant for \$7,500.00 will be used for projects to reactive Derby Park on Middle Street, including the painting of a new mural as well as activities at the park during the mural painting process.
- Grant #2 – Massachusetts Cultural Council – Festivals Grant. This \$1,500.00 grant will be used by CASE to help launch the VIBE Arts and Community festival this August/September which will highlight new public art in Lowell as well as Lowell's galleries and restaurants.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Golden Jr.  
City Manager