

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the approval and submission of an amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City of Lowell Annual Action Plan to reallocate \$500,000 in funds from the Parks and Open Space Plan to Durkin Park and South Common Field Improvement Projects.

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In May 2021, the City of Lowell submitted a Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

The Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan calls for the expenditure of \$3,293,293 in funding for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022; and

The Department of Planning and Development seeks to amend its 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan to shift \$500,000 of CDBG funds, previously awarded to the Parks and Open Space Plan, to support Durkin Park and South Common Field Improvement Projects, as more fully described in Exhibit "A".

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

That the City Council of the City of Lowell hereby authorizes an amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City of Lowell Annual Action Plan by reallocating \$500,000 in funds from the Parks and Open Space Plan to support Durkin Park and South Common Field Improvement Projects, all in accordance with Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Exhibit “A”

**CITY OF LOWELL  
NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO  
FY 2021 – 2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

**The City of Lowell is amending its FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan as follows:**

\$500,000.00 in CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds, previously awarded to the Parks and Open Space Plan, will be reallocated to support Durkin Park and the South Common Field Improvements Projects.

From the original Park and Open Space Plan funding, Durkin Park Project will receive \$300,000.00 for renovation improvements, which include new play equipment, landscaping & ADA improvements. Also, an additional \$420,000.00 in unexpended CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds will be allocated to the Durkin Park Project. Bringing the total amount of funding to \$720,000.00.

From the original Parks and Open Space Plan funding, the South Common Park will receive \$200,000.00 for improvements, which include new irrigation, landscaping, field improvements and ADA compliance improvements. Also, an additional \$89,500.00 in unexpended CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds will be allocated to the South Common Improvement Project. Bringing the total amount of funding to \$289,500.00.

Comments concerning this amendment may be addressed to:

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Thomas A. Golden Jr.  
City Manager

January 31, 2023

Mayor Sokhary Chau  
And  
Members of the Lowell City Council

Dear Mayor Chau and Members of the Lowell City Council,

The Department of Planning and Development is amending its 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan to shift \$500,000 of CDBG funds which had previously awarded to Open Space Plan, to support two specific park projects.

Durkin Park will receive an additional \$300,000 towards park improvements, and South Common will receive an additional \$200,000. Both parks will see significant improvements to the available facilities. These funds are non-public service CDBG funds, of which the City of Lowell projects are eligible expenses.

Details for each project are below:

**Durkin Park:**

\$300,000 open space reallocation  
\$420,000 unexpended CDBG  
\$720,000 CDBG total

**Scope of work:**

New play equipment, landscaping and ADA improvements

**South Common:**

\$200,000 open space reallocation  
\$89,500 unexpended CDBG  
\$289,000 CDBG Total

**Scope of work:**

Landscaping, field and ADA improvements

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Golden Jr.

cc: Yovani Baez-Rose, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director