

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 Sector Recovery for Organizations grant in the total amount of \$75,000 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts via the Massachusetts Cultural Council (“MCC”).

The Massachusetts Cultural Council has made available to the City of Lowell grant funds in the amount of Seventy Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$75,000.00) Dollars to the Pollard Memorial Library; and

The City of Lowell desires to accept and expend said grant funds to help support Library programming.

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 \$75,000 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts via the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



February 01, 2023

Dear Dory Lewis,

We are pleased to inform you that City of Lowell Pollard Memorial Library has been approved for a Cultural Sector Recovery for Organizations grant of \$75,000 (FY23-OR-OER-25477) from the Mass Cultural Council.

Thanks to vigorous advocacy from the cultural sector, the Legislature once again showed strong, bipartisan support for the Mass Cultural Council, including a historic \$60.1 million one-time appropriation to assist artists and cultural organizations with COVID recovery needs. This grant program is supported by that major investment.

Enclosed you will find a contract package that contains award instructions and reporting requirements. Please review these documents carefully and return the required paperwork to our Fiscal Department by March 31, 2023. This will help us process your grant as quickly as possible. For questions about the contract, please email Finance.Recovery@mass.gov or call 617-858-2711. For questions about the program email Organization.Recovery@mass.gov or call 617-858-2821.

Culture is ultimately about you. You play an integral role in creating and supporting a cultural life in Massachusetts that is vital, accessible, and thriving. Thank you for all that you do to elevate our rich cultural life in Massachusetts.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nina Fialkow'.

Nina Fialkow
Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael J. Bobbitt'.

Michael J. Bobbitt
Executive Director

Grant Administrative Oversight Committee

Proposed Grant

City Department: Pollard Memorial Library

Employee: Steve Robichaud Title: Library Director

Project Name: TBD Grantor: Mass Cultural Council

Grant Application Due Date: 9/28/2022 Amount Funding Requested: \$75,000

Partner/ Additional Funding Sources: N/A

City Match: N/A Total Estimated Cost: \$75,000

Project Summary:

The Pollard Memorial Library applied to, and has been approved to receive, an unrestricted operating support grant through the Mass Cultural Council's Cultural Sector Recovery Grants for Organizations program (FY23-OR-OER-25477) in the amount of \$75,000. These funds will aid in the completion of a project or projects that are to be identified and established at a future date.

Cultural Sector Recovery Grants for Organizations provides unrestricted support to Massachusetts cultural organizations, collectives, and businesses negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Culture is a major contributor to economic growth and opportunity in Massachusetts and cultural organizations have suffered staggering losses due to the pandemic and related closures. An investment in the recovery of cultural organizations is an investment in the economic recovery of the Commonwealth.

Cultural Sector Recovery Grants for Organizations will range from \$5,000 to \$75,000. Mass Cultural Council reserves the right to change these ranges based on the volume of requests received. These funds were appropriated through Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021, An Act relative to immediate COVID-19 recovery needs.


Department Head Approval

Date: 2/9/23