

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, to apply for, accept and expend Two Million Six Hundred Seventy Thousand and 00/100 (\$2,670,000.00) Dollars through MassDevelopment's One Stop for Growth Grants.

MassDevelopment has made available to the City of Lowell Grant funds in the amount of Two Million Six Hundred Seventy Thousand and 00/100 (\$2,670,000.00) Dollars; and

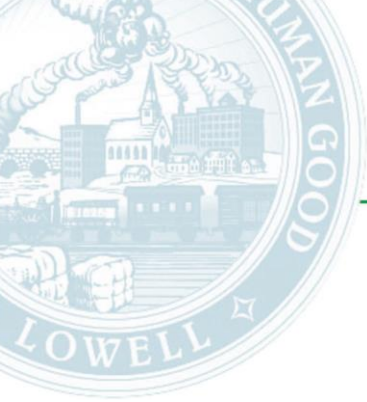
The City of Lowell desires to apply for, accept and expend a Grant in the amount of \$2,670,000.00 from MassDevelopment for a variety of projects to promote new housing development, downtown revitalization, and other important economic development efforts.

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

That the City Manager, be and is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Lowell to apply for, accept and expend a Grant in the amount of Two Million Six Hundred Seventy Thousand and 00/100 (\$2,670,000.00) Dollars of funds through MassDevelopment's One Stop for Growth Grants.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, be and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said grant from MassDevelopment referred to above.



Thomas A. Goldern Jr.
City Manager

June 27, 2023

Mayor Sokhary Chau
and Members of the City Council

REFERENCE: Approval to Apply/Accept/Expend OneStop for Growth Application (4)

Dear Mayor Chau and Members of the City Council:

The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) is requesting approval to apply for, accept and expend several State Grants through the One Stop For Growth Program in the amount of \$2,670,000 for a series of projects that will allow Lowell to access funding to implement housing and economic development goals as follows:

Community Planning Program — \$30,000 for a Downtown Lowell BID Formation study that will unveil tools for the formation of a Business Improvement District that can contribute to the economic prosperity of downtown businesses and the City as a whole.

Site Readiness Program — \$600,000 to redesign the intersection of Central, Gorham and Church Streets to support development in an adjacent City-owned land currently being used as a parking lot. The design work includes sidewalk, streetscape, and traffic signal reconfiguration for the redevelopment for this part of the City while creating a safer, pedestrian-friendly intersection.

Community Planning Program — \$40,000 for an inclusionary zoning market study around the City to identify opportunities to increase affordable housing in the community while making development possible given our latest zoning changes which may increase the residential development in the City as a whole.

Site Readiness Program (In partnership with UMass Lowell and the private developer team led by GMH Communities) — \$2,000,000 for design and other pre-development costs associated with the infrastructure to support the East Campus Initiative, including streetscape, intersection, and structured parking improvements.

The attached vote authorizes DPD to apply for, accept and expend \$2,670,000 through the One Stop For Growth Program. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Assistant City Manager/DPD Director Yovani Baez-Rose at (978) 674-1401 or ybaez@lowellma.gov.

Thomas A. Golden Jr.
City Manager