

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the approval and submission of an amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City of Lowell Annual Action Plan to allocate uncommitted funds.

In August 2022, the City of Lowell submitted a Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

The Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan calls for the expenditure of \$3,660,100 in funding for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023; and

The Department of Planning and Development seeks to amend its 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan to allocate uncommitted funds to various 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 2022-2023 City of Lowell Annual Action Plan to allocate uncommitted funds, all in accordance with Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Exhibit "A"

Spending Plan Uncommitted Funds up to 2023		
Project	Notes on Project	Amount
LHA Boilers	3 hot water boilers, 7,500,000 BTU's, 3 heat exchangers and the water filtration system ast 361 Adams St	\$550,000.00
LMA Assessment	The city will undertake a capital assessment to determine what if any repairs need to be done within and outside the building	\$150,000.00
Senior Center Assessment		\$100,000.00
JFK Plaza	City will repair the steps to make them ADA compliant and remove tripping hazards	\$150,000.00
Trees Purchase	The city will purchase trees to assist with alleviating the heat island effects and to plant trees in low and moderate neighborhoods. Tree planting in Environmental Justice communities will be part of the upcoming Municipal Vulnerability Plan	\$200,000.00
Energy Efficiency Building Envelop upgrades 11 city owned building	These projects will include weatherization of all Fire Stations and the Pollard Library located in income eligible areas. The weatherization will help to seal up leaky areas around the facilities, which will not only help save energy, but will also provide for a more comfortable and healthier environment for users of the facilities. Annually, the projects are expected to save: 11,865 therms of natural gas; 11,002 kWh of electricity; and 156,427 lbs CO2e	\$250,000.00
LMA Waterproofing	Waterproofing the auditorium will make it water-resistant and limit the need to make repairs due to mold	\$700,000.00
LMA Granite Steps	City will repair the steps to make them ADA compliant and remove tripping hazards	\$150,000.00
Pollard Library Carpet Replacement	DPW will fix tripping hazards at the Pollard Memorial Library by replacing carpets	\$333,000.00
MVHP Interest Rate Buydown	To be used to subsidize interest rates to 3% to enable more first time homebuyer to be able to purchase a home.	\$246,267.65
Total		\$2,829,267.65
Spending Plan Uncommitted Funds up to 2024		
VFW Highway Environmental Plan	City will develop an environmental remediation plan in order to create green space or park along the Merrimack River adjacent to the Aiken Street Bridge	\$775,000.00
Housing Rehab	Rehab funds will be provide to homeowners single or multi-family units who need to correct code violations	\$125,000.00
		\$900,000.00
	Total Spending Plan	\$3,729,267.65



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Mayor Sokhary Chau
and
Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: CDBG Reallocations

Dear Mayor Chau and Members of the City Council:

The Department of Planning and Development Community Development Division is requesting your approval to allocate uncommitted funds to the projects on the enclosed spreadsheet. The majority of the funds will be used on capital improvement projects for city owned facilities in low- and moderate-income areas. Per US Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations, the City of Lowell has a requirement to spend all the uncommitted funds by the end of April. Thus, we feel that all of the attached projects can meet this requirement.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

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Attachment