

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 Five Million Fifty Thousand and 00/100 (\$5,050,000.00) Dollars through the Executive Office of Economic Development's (EOED) Community One Stop for Growth Grants.

The Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) has made available to the City of Lowell Grant funds in the amount of Five Million Fifty Thousand and 00/100 (\$5,050,000.00) Dollars; and

The City of Lowell desires to apply for, accept and expend a Grant in the amount of \$5,050,000.00 from the Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) 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 Five Million Fifty Thousand and 00/100 (\$5,050,000.00) Dollars of funds through the Executive Office of Economic Development's (EOED) Community 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 the Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) referred to above.



Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

May 13, 2025

Mayor Daniel P. Rourke
And
Members of the Lowell City Council

Dear Mayor Rourke and Members of the Lowell City Council,

I respectfully request that the City Council vote to apply, accept, appropriate and expend grant funding in the amount of \$5,050,000 through the Executive Office of Economic Development's (EOED) Community One Stop for Growth FY2026 grant program. The Department of Planning and Development will be the primary contact of the City and will be working closely with other departments as needed to assist in each of these projects. No funding match is required from the City for these Grants. Funding requested includes:

- HousingWorks Infrastructure Program – \$5,000,000 for the reconstruction of the Appleton Street/ Church Street/Gorham Street/Central Street “triangle” intersections, including Green Street/George Street and Green Street/Middlesex Street/Central Street intersection to improve vehicular and pedestrian circulation, reduce crashes, and add bicycle infrastructure to this gateway into Downtown Lowell
- Massachusetts Vacant Storefront Program – \$50,000 for the Lowell Vacant Storefront Program aimed to assist small businesses in expanding into existing vacant storefronts throughout Lowell's business corridors, giving priority to Downtown Lowell and the Acre's TDI district.

The EOED One Stop for Growth grants dedicate state funds to support a variety of local projects across the Commonwealth to promote new housing development, downtown revitalization, and other important economic development efforts. All of these initiatives align with the goals prioritized in the Lowell Forward Master Plan.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

CC: Yovani Baez-Rose, Assistant City Manager / DPD Director
Camilo Espitia, DPD Deputy Director