

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

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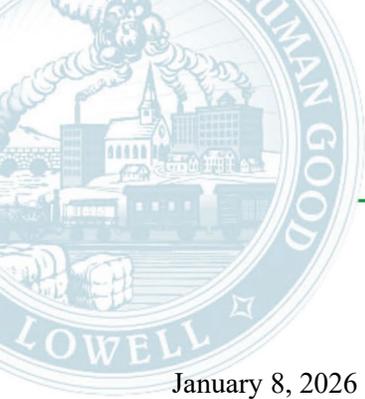
Authorizing the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, acting through the Department of Planning and Development, to apply for, to accept and expend funds from the Massachusetts Economic & Workforce Developers Fellowship Program for up to Three Thousand and 00/100 (\$3,000.00) Dollars.

The City of Lowell's Department of Planning and Development is desirous of applying for, accepting and expending said Grant stipend from Massachusetts Economic & Workforce Developers Fellowship Program; and

This Grant will make available to the City the sum of Three Thousand and 00/100 (\$3,000.00) Dollars to cover or reimburse reasonable expenses for attending the in-person kickoff retreat (February 4–5, 2026 in Manchester, NH), including food, lodging, and travel.

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

That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, and Acting through the Department of Planning and Development be and hereby is, authorized to apply for, accept and expend funds in the amount of up to Three Thousand and 00/100 (\$3,000.00) Dollars from the Massachusetts Economic & Workforce Developers Fellowship Program to cover or reimburse reasonable expenses for attending the in-person kickoff retreat (February 4–5, 2026 in Manchester, NH), including food, lodging, and travel.



Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

Shawn Machado
Assistant City Manager

January 8, 2026

Mayor Erik R. Gitschier
and
Members of the Lowell City Council

Dear Mayor Gitschier and Members of the City Council:

The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) is requesting approval to apply for grant funding from the Massachusetts Economic & Workforce Developers Fellowship Program to cover a staff stipend.

The reimbursable Massachusetts Economic & Workforce Developers Fellowship Program aims to educate, train, activate and network the small business development ecosystem in the City of Lowell to support exit planning and employee ownership. The Cooperative Development Institute, on behalf of the Northeast Transition Initiative (“NETI”) and its partners will provide a \$3,000 stipend and will cover or reimburse reasonable expenses for attending the in-person kickoff retreat (February 4–5, 2026 in Manchester, NH), including food, lodging, and travel.

The Northeast Transition Initiative (NETI) Fellowship trains business experts in exit planning and employee ownership, supporting regional economic vitality by helping businesses transition, contributing to keeping businesses viable and jobs local.

There are no required matching funds for this grant, a separate out of state travel vote will be brought before the Council. For additional information or questions regarding this grant, please contact Economic Development Director, Ali Carter at 978-674-1432.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

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