

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council:

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager on behalf of the City of Lowell to approve the allocation of Opioid Settlement funding in the amount of Twenty Thousand and 00/100 (\$20,000.00) Dollars to be used by the City of Lowell Police Department to purchase first aid kit supplies and first aid training equipment related to the use of treating individuals with opioid use disorder.

WHEREAS, the City Council voted on November 14, 2023, in accordance with MGL c. 40, §5B, to establish an Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund; and

WHEREAS, funds shall be used, subject to appropriation by a two-thirds majority of the City Council, for the opioid mitigation efforts of the City of Lowell; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is requesting the use of Opioid Settlement funds to purchase first aid supplies and first aid training equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE, as follows:

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Lowell, to approve the allocation of Opioid Settlement funding in the amount of Twenty Thousand and 00/100 (\$20,000.00) Dollars to be used by the City of Lowell Police Department to purchase first aid supplies and first aid training equipment to aid in the City of Lowell's efforts to combat the opioid crisis.

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 allocation, including the expenditure thereof.

And that the aforementioned funds hereby be transferred from the Opioid Stabilization Fund to the Police Department budget, according to the schedule enclosed in "ATTACHMENT A"



Budget Transfer Form

Requestor: Conor Baldwin, CFO

Date: 1/23/2026

Fund	Organizational ID	Object	Amount Requested	(1) Source of Additional Funding***	(1) Amount (transfers only)
0010	02104154	541801	\$ 20,000.00	Fund 8424 Opioid Stabilization	\$ 20,000.00
		LPD Opioid Reduction Account			

***Include Fund, Org, and Object if this is a budget transfer

Reason for budget adjustment:

Transfer funds from Opioid Stabilization to LPD Opioid Reduction account for various supplies to combat the Opioid epidemic

Department Head Approval:

CFO Approval:

City Auditor Approval:

"A"

Gregory C. Hudon
Superintendent

Mark LeBlanc
Deputy Superintendent

Frank Nobrega, Jr.
Deputy Superintendent

Stephen Gendreau
Deputy Superintendent

MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas A. Golden, Jr., City Manager
FROM: Gregory C. Hudon, Superintendent of Police *GCH*
CC: Conor Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer
DATE: January 21, 2026
SUBJECT: Request to Use Opioid Settlement Funds

The Lowell Police Department (LPD) respectfully requests to use Opioid Settlement funds to purchase first aid kit supplies and first aid training equipment related to the use of treating individuals with opioid use disorder. In previous years, the LPD received grant funds from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to pay for these items. This funding was cut in recent years and departments were instructed to utilize Opioid Settlement funds for these supplies. First aid related supplies and training equipment include, but are not limited to bandages, AED replacement pads and batteries, bag valve masks, CPR manikins and other first aid related items. The Lowell Police Department is requesting \$20,000 to cover these costs.



Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

Shawn Machado
Assistant City Manager

January 27, 2026

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

Dear Mayor Gitschier and Members of the City Council:

I am hereby recommending that the City Council approve a transfer of \$20,00 from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization fund to the Lowell Police Department's budget to fund the purchase first aid kits and first aid training equipment to combat the opioid epidemic. This appropriation is directly related to the City's efforts to address the epidemic in Lowell and will afford a key component of the city's strategy to address substance abuse: the ability for police officers to actively respond to overdose calls with the proper supplies needed.

Enclosed with this letter is a vote prepared by the law department, as well as a memorandum from the Superintendent of Police, which provides further detail on the expenditure.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions the Council may have.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

Cc: Conor Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer
Gregory Hudon, Superintendent of Police