

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager on Behalf of the City of Lowell, to accept a gift of funds raised from the crowdfunding and crowd granting challenge program created by MassDevelopment to enhance Kerouac Park.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Lowell, to accept all funds, currently in the amount of \$29,692 from the crowdfunding and crowd granting challenge program created by MassDevelopment to enhance Kerouac Park, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A.

V:acceptgift/manager-crowdfunding



Henri B. Marchand  
Director  
Office of Cultural Affairs and Special Events

**DATE:** July 17, 2018  
**TO:** Eileen Donoghue, City Manager  
**FROM:** Henri B. Marchand, Director  
**SUBJECT:** Kerouac Park-Patronicity Crowdfunding Gift Acceptance

On March 27, 2018 the City Council voted to apply, accept and expend a grant from the Commonwealth Places grant program through MassDevelopment and Patronicity to enhance Kerouac Park on Bridge Street.

Commonwealth Places is a crowd granting challenge program created by MassDevelopment to help activate new or challenged public places and community spaces. Patronicity is a civic crowdfunding and crowd granting platform that empowers local citizens and sponsors to support initiatives in their communities. Commonwealth Places is open to municipalities and non-profits in Massachusetts.

CASE was successful in securing the initial \$25,000 grant and subsequently undertook the crowdfunding piece to raise an additional \$25,000 from the community for this project.

I am happy to report that the effort exceeded the target of \$25,000 and raised an additional \$4,692 for a total of \$29,692.

With the City Council having voted to apply, accept and expend the initial challenge grant of \$25,000 we are now requesting a vote to accept all funds.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Cc: Tobias Marx, Special Events Coordinator/CASE  
Andrew Shapiro, Economic Development Director/DPD  
Jared Alves, Assistant Planner/DPD