



CITY OF BOSTON

MAYOR MICHELLE WU

June 29, 2022

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of SEVENTEEN MILLION AND SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$17,700,000) in the form of a grant, awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury, to be administered by the City of Boston's Chief Financial Officer/Collector Treasurer.

This grant payment is made from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) in the Treasury of the United States established by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). Pursuant to the requirements of the ARPA, the grant payment would fund COVID-19 response and recovery efforts that respond to the City Council's feedback across eight hearings and five working sessions and that address systemic challenges in the areas of affordable housing, economic opportunity and inclusion, climate and mobility, digital equity, food access, arts and culture, behavioral health and early childhood.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT FUNDED THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (SLFRF) IN THE TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 9901 OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (ARPA), AWARDED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.**

**WHEREAS:** the United States Department of the Treasury, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the City of Boston under Section 602 of the Social Security Act, as added by ARPA, Section 9901; and

**WHEREAS:** pursuant to Title VI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following: “SEC. 602. CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND.<sup>42</sup> and funds in the amount of SEVENTEEN MILLION AND SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$17,700,000) are available as a direct payment to the City; *therefore be it*

**ORDERED:** That the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department of the Treasury, payments to State, Local, and Tribal governments not to exceed the amount of SEVENTEEN MILLION AND SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$17,700,000) for the following purposes:

- 1. To address the City's need for affordable housing through funding for Temporary Housing Support for Migrants (\$1,100,000), East Boston Blue Line Portfolio (\$1,000,000), Emergency Housing Support Pilot for City Workers (\$750,000), Housing Capacity Study for Dorchester YMCA Washington St. (\$400,000), and Predevelopment Funds for Housing Development by The People's Academy on the City-owned Site at and around 436 Warren St. (\$250,000); and*
- 2. To accelerate our economic recovery by investing in an Early College STEM Pathway (\$1,000,000), Supports for Immigrant-Owned Businesses (\$350,000), YouthBuild Boston (\$350,000), Newmarket Business Association workforce development programs (\$100,000); and*
- 3. To jumpstart solutions to Boston's long-term climate and mobility challenges by supporting municipal infrastructure for food waste disposal (\$3,000,000), a Chinatown Microgrid Pilot (\$750,000), District 4 Parks and Green Spaces (\$500,000), O'Donnell Playground (\$500,000), Center for Hard to Recycle*

*Materials (\$500,000), last-mile connectivity via the Mission Hill Link (\$275,000); and*

- 4. To ensure an equitable response to the ongoing pandemic through operational grants in support of food, public health, and digital equity to the following organizations: Tech Goes Home (\$2,000,000), South Boston Community Health Center (\$400,000), Villa Victoria through Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción for Resident Programming and Services (\$400,000), The Phoenix (\$400,000), NamaStay Sober (\$200,000), St. Mary's Center for Women and Children (\$200,000), Gavin Foundation (\$200,000), Harvest on the Vine Food Pantry (\$100,000), and East Boston Community Soup Kitchen (\$100,000); and*
- 5. To make transformative investments in the City's arts and culture sector, including an Arts Corridor in Roxbury (\$1,000,000), Allston-Brighton Community Space(s) (\$1,000,000), Active Engagement for Seniors (\$100,000), and Nazzaro Community Center Senior Programming (\$25,000); and*
- 6. To invest in the City's early education and childcare system, including child care programs serving families with nonstandard schedule needs (\$750,000).*

**I HEREBY CERTIFY  
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN  
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

**BY**

  
**ADAM CEDERBAUM  
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

