



# CITY OF BOSTON - MASSACHUSETTS

MICHELLE WU  
MAYOR

November 17, 2021

## 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 EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS (\$8,000,000) 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 (CLFRF) in the Treasury of the United States established by Section 9001 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). Pursuant to the requirements of the ARPA, the grant payment would fund urgent COVID-19 reopening and recovery efforts, including but not limited to the expansion of the fare-free transit program, to address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic and provide direct benefit to some of Boston's communities who have been hardest hit.

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

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**CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT FUNDED THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (CLFRF) 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 said Section 9901, Title VI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) was amended by adding at the end the following: "SEC. 602. CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND," and funds in the amount of EIGHT MILLION (\$8,000,000) 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 EIGHT MILLION (\$8,000,000) for the following purposes:

- To serve the communities and families most affected by the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including disproportionately impacted low-income families and communities of color impacted by exacerbated systemic health and economic inequities, in an amount not to exceed EIGHT MILLION (\$8,000,000); including, but not limited to, the expansion of the fare free transit program.*

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