



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

October 20, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) from the United States Department of the Interior under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act of 1965 (Pub. L. 88-578, 78 Stat 897), to be jointly administered by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, and used by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, for the purpose of making capital improvements to Ceylon Park in Dorchester. The Order also confirms that Ceylon Park is permanently dedicated for park and playground purposes, as required by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the grantor's agent.

The Parks and Recreation Department will use the funds to make improvements to the Park, including green stormwater infrastructure, a new splash pad, accessibility improvements and new tree plantings.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may accept and expend these funds expeditiously.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) IN THE FORM OF A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES Department OF THE INTERIOR UNDER THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND AND JOINTLY ADMINISTERED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CEYLON PARK.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior has awarded funds in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act of 1965 (Pub. L. 88-578, 78 Stat 897) to the City of Boston through its Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be utilized to provide capital improvements to Ceylon Park in Dorchester; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement of obtaining the grant, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), the grantor's agent, requires that the City dedicate Ceylon Park for park purposes; therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston, be, and hereby is, authorized pursuant to section 53A1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend financial assistance from the United States Department of the Interior under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act of 1965 (Pub. L. 88-578) in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000); and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the City of Boston, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 45, Section 3 and the City's authority under Chapter 185, Section 3 of the Acts of 1875, hereby confirms that Ceylon Park is permanently dedicated for park and playground purposes, as required by EOEEA, the administrative agent for the LWCF program in Massachusetts, for parks receiving LWCF grant assistance.

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

BY _____

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CORPORATION COUNSEL**