



# BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks  
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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

July 3, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks was referred the following docket for consideration:

***Docket #1258, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant not to exceed One Million One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$1,170,000.00) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program. The grant is awarded to the City of Boston through the Parks and Recreation Department for renovations to Moakley Park located in the neighborhood of South Boston.***

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and was referred to the Committee on June 25, 2025.

### ***Summary of Legislation***

***Docket #1258*** authorizes the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$1,170,000. This grant was awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program, and will be administered by the Parks and Recreation Department to be used towards renovations to Moakley Park in South Boston.

### ***Information Received***

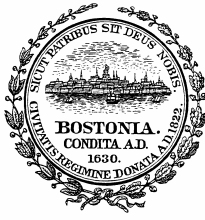
The Committee received a communication from the Administration regarding Docket #1258. It stated that this docket is a grant in the amount of \$1,170,000 and was awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program. The Administration explained that this is a grant program which aims to shift the federal focus away from reactive disaster spending and toward research-supported, proactive investment in community resilience. This program is a reimbursable grant program with a required cost-share.

Moakley Park was selected as a recipient of this grant for Phase I of the project. The \$1.17 million grant includes an \$819,000 federal share and a \$351,000 City share. This grant will go towards design, engineering, and permitting services for the improvement project at Moakley Park. The City expects to receive additional federal funding for Phase II of the project. This project is also being funded by the Parks Department Capital Budget.

The FEMA BRIC grant requires passage by the City Council by September 30, 2025. It was added that work is anticipated to begin in July 2025 and be completed within an 18 month period.

### ***Committee Chair Recommended Action***

As Chair of the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks, I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS**.



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