



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 (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.42 and funds in the amount of THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY NINE MILLION AND FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$349,500,000) 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 THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY NINE MILLION AND FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$349,500,000) for the following purposes:

1. *To address the City's need for affordable housing through unprecedented funding for affordable homeownership development and financial assistance to first-generation homebuyers, strategic acquisitions to combat displacement, deeply-affordable development on City-owned land, a nation-leading pilot to advance energy efficiency in affordable housing, and upgrades to public housing units to improve air quality, energy efficiency and resident comfort, in an amount*

not to exceed TWO HUNDRED AND ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$201,000,000), with at least \$8,000,000 to create a pathway to affordable homeownership for low and moderate income residents, including a new partnership with the Boston Housing Authority; at least \$1,100,000 to be dedicated to a new pilot model in the style of "rapid rehousing" to help returning citizens secure housing opportunities; at least \$100,000 to be dedicated to supporting the work led by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute for the families of victims of violence; and at least \$100,000 to be dedicated to a capacity study by the Boston Housing Authority of its property in the vicinity of South Boston potentially suitable for affordable veterans housing; and

2. To accelerate our economic recovery by investing in commercial vibrancy in our Main Streets districts and downtown neighborhoods, creating an ecosystem to grow BIPOC-owned employer firms, expanding Tuition-Free Community College, transforming the workforce for the 21st Century, and building economic resilience for immigrant families, in an amount not to exceed THIRTY FOUR MILLION DOLLARS (\$34,000,000), with at least \$1,000,000 to be dedicated to specifically support the recovery of restaurants and bars in disadvantaged neighborhoods of the City; and at least \$350,000 to be dedicated to investment in and activation of an Arts Corridor in Roxbury; and

3. To jumpstart solutions to Boston's long-term climate challenges by scaling Boston's Green Youth Jobs initiative, investing in our streets infrastructure to ensure safe and accessible biking and walking, maintaining and growing Boston's tree canopy, and strengthening our local food systems, in an amount not to exceed THIRTY ONE MILLION AND FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$31,500,000); and

4. To ensure an equitable response to the ongoing pandemic by supporting critical COVID-19 activities including the following: vaccination, testing, community engagement and outreach, collaboration with community-based organizations and community health centers, personal protective equipment and distribution, enhanced monitoring of COVID-19, and planning for future surges, in an amount not to exceed TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$20,000,000); and

5. To make transformative investments in the City's arts and culture sector that will facilitate placemaking, activate both downtown and neighborhood communities, and elevate cultural anchors in BIPOC communities, in an amount not to exceed TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$20,000,000), with at least \$650,000 to be dedicated to investment in and activation of an Arts Corridor in Roxbury; and

6. *To support the behavioral health and wellbeing of our residents by investing in our public health response to the ongoing substance use crisis through harm reduction and outreach strategies, and launching a new Center for Behavioral Health that will expand the behavioral health workforce, launch capacity building and training programs, and decrease stigma around mental health and substance use disorder, in an amount not to exceed EIGHTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$18,000,000), with at least \$1,000,000 to be dedicated to behavioral health capacity-building and training for community-based organizations and City departments; and*

7. *To invest in the City's early education and childcare system, including growing the early educator workforce, improving wage and benefit standards sustainably, supporting the financial health of childcare centers and childcare cooperatives, and streamlining access and enrollment for Boston families, in an amount not to exceed FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$15,000,000), with at least \$250,000 to be dedicated to expanding child care programs serving families with nonstandard schedule needs, such as the Care That Works non-standard work hours childcare pilot and other organizations; and*

8. *To evaluate the use of the SLFRF funds, conduct impact studies, establish an equitable framework for administration of funds, support language access, require where appropriate transparency and disclosure of standards of pay, benefits, and working conditions for workers employed by projects funded by this Order, specifying minimum such standards as appropriate, and ensure strong compliance with federal guidelines, in an amount not to exceed FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000); and*

9. *To support construction of the Dorchester Fieldhouse by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester and the Martin Richard Foundation, in an amount not to exceed FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000).*