



City of Boston, Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor  
**KIM JANEY**

May 24, 2021

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an initial Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of FIFTY MILLION (\$50,000,000) 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 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). Pursuant to the requirements of the ARPA the grant payment would fund urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control, strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs, support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses and address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the inequal impact of the pandemic, and invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

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,

Kim Janey  
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON**  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**

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**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 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 FIFTY MILLION (\$50,000,000) 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 FIFTY MILLION (\$50,000,000) for the following purposes:

1. *To support public health expenditures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, provide resources to provision of care for those impacted by the virus and services that address disparities in public health that have been exacerbated by the pandemic, and to provide funding to address a broad range of public health needs across COVID-19 mitigation, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and public health resources in an amount not to exceed TEN MILLION (\$10,000,000);*
2. *To address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency and provide a wide range of assistance to individuals and households, small businesses, and impacted industries, in addition to enabling governments to*


*rehire public sector staff and rebuild capacity in an amount not to exceed THIRTY MILLION (\$30,000,000); and*

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3. *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 TEN MILLION (\$10,000,000).*

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

BY

  
HENRY E. LUTHIN