

## Offered by Councilor Frank Baker, Murphy, Flaherty, Breadon and Flynn offered the following:

## 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, Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester was established in 1974 in order to create a positive impact on the youth and their families in our community; and,

*WHEREAS*, Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester currently operates three clubhouses, servicing a culturally and ethnically diverse range of children from the age of newborn to eighteen: and,

WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, in partnership with the Martin Richard Foundation, is proposing a once-in-a-generation opportunity to intentionally transform a parcel of land on Columbia Point into a vibrant youth development facility designed to holistically meet the ever-evolving needs of Boston's 50,000 children and teens living in a three-mile radius, including the 1,000 Boston Public School students who attend the abutting Dever and McCormack Schools; and,

*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 TEN MILLION (\$10,000,000.00) are available as a direct payment to the City.

NOW, 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 TEN MILLION (\$10,000,000.00) for Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Dorchester Fieldhouse.

Pursuant to the requirements of the ARPA, the grant payment would fund urgent COVID-19 reopening and recovery efforts to address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic and provide direct benefits to Boston's communities who have been hardest hit.

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