



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 4, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston (the “City”) to modify the expenditure in the amount of Two Million and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000), previously accepted by City Council on July 13, 2022 to support municipal infrastructure for food waste disposal. Such Grant Payment was made from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in the Treasury of the United States established by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

This Modified Expenditure would fund the City’s ongoing efforts to address the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically allowing the City to support food rescue, aggregation, and the distribution infrastructure needed to provide fresh, healthy food to residents facing food insecurity citywide, or to support other activities to address the needs of Boston’s food-insecure residents.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City may expend the funds for these purposes.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO MODIFY THE JULY 13, 2022 ACCEPT AND EXPEND OF A GRANT OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000) FUNDED THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND AND AWARDED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.

WHEREAS: the United States Department of the Treasury issued funds to the City of Boston under Section 602 of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to 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 Two Million and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) were directly paid to the City.

ORDERED: That the City of Boston, acting by and through its Mayor, be, and hereby is, authorized in accordance with Section 53A of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, by modifying the acceptance and authorization to expend the United States Department of the Treasury payments to State, Local, and Tribal governments by reallocating the authorization to expend funds on composting infrastructure of an amount not to exceed the amount of Two Million and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) for the purpose of reducing food waste and supporting the communities and families most affected by the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; up to Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) to support organizations forming a food hub to distribute fresh food to residents citywide, and up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to support organizations providing food storage and distribution to the residents in the neighborhoods with the highest rates of food insecurity.

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

BY _____

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CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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