



**City of Boston**  
Mayor Michelle Wu

January 24, 2022

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston (the "City") to accept and expend the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) in the form of a grant (the "Grant Payment"), awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury, to be administered by the City's Chief Financial Officer/Collector-Treasurer.

This Grant Payment is 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. The Grant Payment would fund the City's urgent COVID-19 relief and recovery efforts, such as the Small Business Relief Fund 2.0 (the "Fund"), which has issued more than \$28.6 million in grants to more than 5,600 businesses since April 2020. Accepting the Grant Payment will permit the Fund to provide assistance to an estimated 300 additional local, small businesses in Boston. Businesses can apply for two types of grants of up to \$10,000: a Relief Grant to mitigate financial hardship caused by COVID-19 pandemic, and/or a Growth Grant to support future business planning.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Wu".

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston

**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 AND 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 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 Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) are available as a direct payment 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, to accept and expend the United States Department of the Treasury payments to State, Local, and Tribal governments not to exceed the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) for the purpose of addressing negative economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic on small businesses in Boston through the Small Business Relief Fund 2.0.

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

BY \_\_\_\_\_

**ADAM CEDERBAUM  
CORPORATION COUNSEL**