



# **Public Facilities and Finance Committee Agenda**

## **City of Newton**

### **In City Council**

### **Joint Meeting**

**Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The Public Facilities and Finance Committees will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 7:00 PM. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/88981002882> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 889 8100 2882

#### **Item Scheduled for Discussion:**

#### **Referred to Finance Committee**

- #378-23      Appropriate \$15,000 for Elections Postage in City Clerk's Office**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from June 30, 2023 Certified Free Cash to account #0110162-534100 Elections Postage in the City Clerk's Office to fund elections-related postage charges.

#### **Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

- #374-23      Appropriate \$3,000,000 for dredging of the City Hall Ponds**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) from Acct # 6200-3599 Stormwater Fund Balance to Acct # 7211D401-584200 City Hall Pond Dredging to fund the dredging of the City Hall ponds in 2024.

#### **Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

- #375-23      Requesting authorization to appropriate and expend for the Newton Center for Active Living Project**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend an amount to be determined for the Newton Center for Active Living Project. (Bids will be opened on December 7th, at which time the item will be amended to include an amount and accounts)

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The location of this meeting is accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities who require assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: [jfairley@newtonma.gov](mailto:jfairley@newtonma.gov) or (617) 796-1253. The city's TTY/TDD direct line is: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), please dial 711.

**Referred to Finance Committee**

**#418-23      Acceptance of \$174,910 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Policing Services**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of one-hundred seventy-four thousand nine-hundred ten dollars (\$174,910) in a grant from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Policing Services.

**Referred to Finance Committee**

**#373-23      Acceptance of \$190,000 from MassDOT's Community Transit Grant Program FY24**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of one hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$190,000) from MassDOT's Community Transit Grant Program FY24 for Newton transportation for older adults and individuals with disabilities during the fiscal year.

**Referred to Finance Committee**

**#272-23      Authorization to expend \$33,333 in transportation mitigation funds on NewMo Operation from the 15 Riverdale Avenue development**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting approval to spend thirty-three thousand, three hundred thirty-three dollars (\$33,333) in transportation mitigation funds from the 15 Riverdale Avenue development for NewMo operations consistent with the transportation demand management plan set out in Special Permit #01-20 and the approved Request for Determination of Insubstantial Change dated 2/2/22.

**Referred to Finance Committee**

**#417-23      Request to transfer \$50,000 from Street Division – Full Time Wages**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer and expend the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from Acct # 0140120-511002, Street Division – Full-Time Wages, to Acct# 67A109A2-572500, Workers Compensation – Legal Claims and Settlements, in order to settle Worker's Compensation claim # WC003901.

**Note: a motion for Executive Session may be entertained**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Alison M. Leary, Chair  
Public Facilities Committee**

**Rebecca Walker Grossman, Chair  
Finance Committee**



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November 17, 2023

Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Councilors:

I respectfully request that the Honorable Council appropriate \$15,000 from June 30, 2023 Certified Free Cash to account #0110162-534100 Elections Postage in the City Clerk's Office to fund elections-related postage charges.

The additional funds are needed due to the large volume of ballots mailed and correspondence relating to elections. With the Votes Act of 2022, applications to receive ballots by mail are holding steady at close to 50% of our voter activity. As voters become more aware of the options, it was difficult for the City Clerk to estimate beforehand how many voters would utilize the vote-by-mail method.

Please see the attached memo from City Clerk Carol Moore on this issue. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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NEWTON, MA 02459

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November 17, 2023

The City Clerk respectfully asks for \$15,000 to fund postal charges to account #0110162-534100 Elections Postage due to the amount of ballots mailed and correspondence relating to elections. With the Votes Act of 2022, applications to receive ballots by mail are holding steady at close to 50% of our voter activity. As this process improves and voters become more aware of the options, it was hard to estimate beforehand how many voters would utilize the vote-by-mail method.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol Moore  
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman to appropriate and expend fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from Certified Free Cash to Acct #0110162-534100 Elections Postage is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Certified Free Cash (0001-3240) .....	\$15,000
TO:	Elections Postage (0110162-534100) .....	\$15,000

Under Suspension of Rules  
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City Clerk

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November 13, 2023

Honorable City Council  
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Dear Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting appropriation of \$3,000,000 from the Stormwater Reserve Account to fund the dredging of the City Hall ponds in 2024. This is a high priority initiative for me.

The goals of this project include: restoring the hydraulic capacity, mitigating storm drainage impacts, and improving the landscape aesthetics of the historic City Hall Ponds. These improvements are intended to be accomplished by performing maintenance sediment removal from the ponds, as well as portions of the Hammond Brook and Cold Springs Brook culverts, which convey flow to the ponds.

A total of 3,700± cubic yards of sediment is estimated to be removed from the City Hall Ponds and upgradient culverts. Extensive testing of the sediment material was completed to fully characterize the material and to evaluate the most cost-effective means for disposal of the material. It is suitable for re-use as daily cover or grading material at MaDEP-approved landfills.

Approximately 1,700 acres of Newton watershed land drains to the City Hall Ponds, upstream from Cold Springs Park to the southwest, and Hammond Pond to the southeast, and including the land occupied by the main library parking lot and a portion of Homer Street. The consequences of not dredging the City Hall Ponds would be to exacerbate the potential for flooding in the immediate vicinity, increase sediment loading downstream and allow for the proliferation of invasive plant species.

Please see the attached memo from DPW Commissioner Jim McGonagle on this issue. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

*Ruthanne Fuller*  
Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
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**374-23**

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

Date: 11/9/23

To: Maureen Lemieux, CFO & Jonathan Yeo, COO

From: James McGonagle, Commissioner Public Works

Re: Request to Appropriate Funds for Sediment Removal and Maintenance of City Hall Ponds, 2024

Public Works respectfully request that the Mayor docket an appropriation of \$3,000,000 to fund the dredging of the City Hall ponds in 2024.

The goals of this project include: restoring the hydraulic capacity, mitigating storm drainage impacts, and improving the recreational aesthetics of the historic City Hall Ponds. These improvements are intended to be accomplished by performing maintenance sediment removal from the ponds, as well as portions of the Hammond Brook and Cold Springs Brook culverts, which convey flow to the ponds. A total of 3,700± cubic yards of sediment is estimated to be removed from the City Hall Ponds and upgradient culverts. Extensive testing of the sediment material was completed to fully characterize the material and to evaluate the most cost-effective means for disposal of the material. It is suitable for re-use as daily cover or grading material at MaDEP approved landfills.

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cc: Shawna Sullivan, Deputy Commissioner  
Thomas Fitzgerald, Director of Utilities  
Louis M. Taverna, City Engineer  
Frank Nichols, Director of Engineering

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance and Public Facilities Committees through its Chairs Rebecca Walker Grossman and Alison Leary authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) from the Stormwater Fund Balance # 6200-3599 to fund the dredging of the City Hall ponds in 2024 is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Stormwater Fund Balance (6200-3599) .....	\$3,000,000.00
TO:	City Hall Pond Dredging (7211D401-584200) .....	\$3,000,000.00

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November 13, 2023

Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
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Newton, MA 02459

Honorable City Councilors:

I respectfully submit this docket item to your Honorable Council requesting the authorization to appropriate and expend an amount to be determined before a final City Council vote for the Newton Center for Active Living Project.

Attached is a memo from Public Buildings Commissioner Morse requesting the docket item which explains the need and urgency for this request.

While we are hopeful that the bids come in within our total project budget of \$20.5M, if they do not, we will update the City Council immediately and provide the requisite backup for this request including the amount and funding source.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

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**CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT**  
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November 13, 2023

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor  
Newton City Hall  
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Newton Centre, MA 02459

Re: Newton Center for Active Living Project

Dear Mayor Fuller:

The Public Buildings Department requests the Mayor to docket a request for an additional appropriation, amount to be determined before a final City Council vote, for the Newton Center for Active Living Project.

The general contracting bids are scheduled to be opened on December 7<sup>th</sup>. While we are hopeful that the bids will come in within our project budget of \$20.5M, we also want to be prepared should additional funds be needed after the bids are opened.

Between inflation, interest rates, and material lead times, the current construction market conditions are such that we need to be able to execute a contract as soon as possible after the bids are opened. Without this ability, we are concerned that we could have trade contractors, or even the general contractor, pull their bids if we took too long to execute the contract.

We will work with the City Council President, the Committee Chairs, and the Clerk's Office to determine the most optimal schedule for the City Council meetings. Should the bids come in above our current total project budget, we will immediately update the City Council and provide the requisite backup.

Sincerely,

Josh Morse  
Public Buildings Commissioner  
cc: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer  
Alex Valcarce, Deputy Buildings Commissioner

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDERED:

That for the purpose of construction of the Newton Center for Active Living Project be and hereby is appropriated and authorized to be borrowed under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended and supplemented or pursuant to any other enabling authority, the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000), in addition to the nineteen million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$19,500,000) (Council Order #345-22).

Any premium received upon the sale of the bonds or notes, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of the bonds or notes shall be: (i) applied, if so provided in the loan authorization, to the costs of the project being financed by the bonds or notes and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by like amount; or (ii) appropriated for a project for which the city has authorized a borrowing, or may authorize a borrowing, for an equal or longer period of time than the original loan, including any temporary debt.

Under Suspension Rules  
Readings Waived and Approved  
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(SGD) CAROL MOORE  
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November 27, 2023

Honorable City Council  
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Councilors:

I respectfully ask for authorization to accept and expend funds in the amount of one-hundred seventy-four thousand nine-hundred ten dollars (\$174,910) in a grant from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Policing Services. Attached, please find a fact sheet outlining the uses of the funds.

Leadership of the Newton Police Department will be available to answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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JOHN F. CARMICHAEL, JR.  
CHIEF OF POLICE

November 9, 2023

Hon. Mayor Ruthanne Fuller  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Ave.  
Newton, MA 02459-1449

**Re: Request to Accept and Expend Funds from the US Department of Justice**  
**Office of Community Oriented Policing Services**

I respectfully request to accept and expend funds in the amount of \$174,910.00 from the DOJ's Office of Community Policing Services. A description of funding uses is provided in the attached Fact Sheet. Also attached is the list of program awards by state and city or town.

Thank you for your assistance.

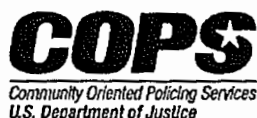
Sincerely,

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John Carmichael  
Chief of Police

cc: CFO Maureen Lemeiux, Superintendent George McMains





# Fact Sheet

[cops.usdoj.gov](https://cops.usdoj.gov)

## 2023 Community Policing Development Program

**Community Policing Development (CPD)** funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities. The 2023 CPD program funded projects that develop knowledge, increase awareness of effective community policing strategies, increase the skills and abilities of law enforcement and community partners, increase the number of law enforcement agencies and relevant stakeholders using proven community policing practices, and institutionalize community policing practice in routine business.

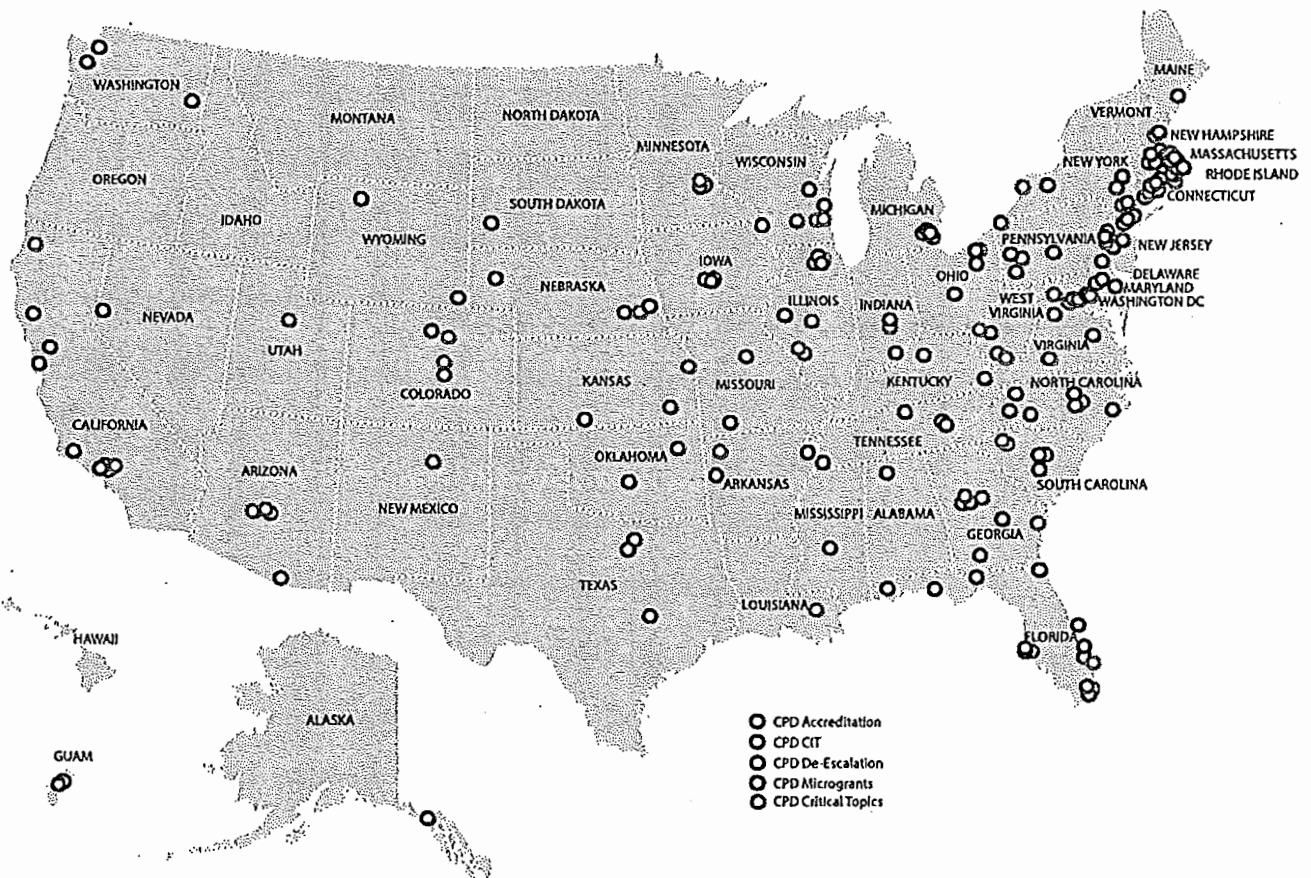
### COPS Office Community Policing Development Awards

The 2023 CPD program funded projects related to the following categories and subcategories:

- Accreditation
  - Addressing Gaps in State Accreditation
  - Enhancing Existing Law Enforcement Accreditation Entities
  - Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation
  - Accreditation Resources and Implementation Support
- De-Escalation Training
  - Continuation and Expansion of Regional De-Escalation Training Centers
  - Law Enforcement De-Escalation Training Grants
- Implementation of Crisis Intervention Teams
- Microgrants
  - Building Trust and Legitimacy with the Community
  - Community Violence Intervention
  - Hate Crimes and Domestic Terrorism
  - Officer Recruitment, Retention and Workforce Diversification
  - Underserved Populations
- Critical Topics
  - Emerging Issues Forums
  - Innovations in Recruitment, Retention, and Workforce Diversification
  - Tolerance, Diversity, and Anti-Bias Training

The full listing of awarded projects is located on the COPS Office website at <https://cops.usdoj.gov/cpd>.

## FY23 Community Policing Development Program Map



### Funding Provisions

Provisions include the following:

- In FY 2023, the COPS Office awarded \$42.2 million under the CPD program.
- Generally, the CPD program was open to all public governmental agencies, for-profit and nonprofit institutions, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations. Categories and subcategories had individual eligibility criteria. Accepted proposals were responsive to the category—and, if applicable, subcategory—selected, significantly advanced the field of community policing, and demonstrated an understanding of community policing.

### Contact the COPS Office

For more information about COPS Office programs and resources, please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or visit the COPS Office website at <https://cops.usdoj.gov>.

**2023 Community Policing Development (CPD) Program Awards**

<b><u>State, Agency Name, and Award Category</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated Award Amount</u></b>
<b><u>Iowa</u></b>	
Des Moines, City of <i>Law Enforcement Agency De-Escalation Grants</i>	\$69,500
Iowa Department of Public Safety <i>Law Enforcement Agency De-Escalation Grants</i>	\$285,000
Iowa Police Chiefs Association <i>Addressing Gaps in State Accreditation</i>	\$499,604
<b><u>Kansas</u></b>	
Barber, County of <i>Law Enforcement Agency De-Escalation Grants</i>	\$163,333
National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives, Inc. <i>Critical Topics / Officer Recruitment, Retention and Workforce Diversification</i>	\$200,000
Parsons, City of <i>Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation</i>	\$139,255
<b><u>Kentucky</u></b>	
Frankfort, City of <i>Microgrants / Building Trust and Legitimacy with the Community</i>	\$145,900
<b><u>Louisiana</u></b>	
Southern University and A&M College <i>Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams</i>	\$351,568
<b><u>Maine</u></b>	
Rockland, City of <i>Law Enforcement Agency De-Escalation Grants</i>	\$179,725
<b><u>Maryland</u></b>	
Baltimore, City of <i>Microgrants / Officer Recruitment, Retention and Workforce Diversification</i>	\$126,440
Howard County <i>Law Enforcement Agency De-Escalation Grants</i>	\$210,000
Hyattsville, City of <i>Law Enforcement Agency De-Escalation Grants</i>	\$109,000
<b><u>Massachusetts</u></b>	
Boston, City of <i>Microgrants / Building Trust and Legitimacy with the Community</i>	\$175,000
<i>Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation</i>	\$250,000
Dennis, Town of <i>Law Enforcement Agency De-Escalation Grants</i>	\$231,523



**2023 Community Policing Development (CPD) Program Awards**

<b><u>State, Agency Name, and Award Category</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated Award Amount</u></b>
Fall River, City of <i>Law Enforcement Agency De-Escalation Grants</i>	\$127,555
Fitchburg Police Department <i>Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation</i>	\$114,816
Hopedale, Town of <i>Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation</i>	\$114,368
Leicester, Town of <i>Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation</i>	\$67,921
Methuen Police Department <i>Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams</i>	\$394,800
Newton, City of <i>Microgrants / Building Trust and Legitimacy with the Community</i>	\$174,910
North Shore Community College <i>Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation</i>	\$54,541
Sherborn Police Department <i>Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation</i>	\$58,845
Stow Police Department <i>Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation</i>	\$139,278
Townsend, Town of <i>Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation</i>	\$106,515
<b><u>Michigan</u></b>	
Dearborn, City of (Inc.) <i>Law Enforcement Agency De-Escalation Grants</i>	\$50,955
<i>Microgrants / Building Trust and Legitimacy</i>	\$88,816
Grosse Ile, Township of <i>Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation</i>	\$132,789
Redford, Township of <i>Law Enforcement Agency De-Escalation Grants</i>	\$250,000
<b><u>Minnesota</u></b>	
Fridley, City of <i>Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams</i>	\$327,520
Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, Inc. <i>Addressing Gaps in State Accreditation</i>	\$358,588
Saint Paul, City of <i>Microgrants / Officer Recruitment, Retention and Workforce Diversification</i>	\$175,000
<b><u>Mississippi</u></b>	
University of Mississippi Medical Center <i>Microgrants / Officer Recruitment, Retention and Workforce Diversification</i>	\$175,000

CITY OF NEWTON

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That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, the authorization to accept and expend grant funds from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Policing Services in the amount of one-hundred seventy-four thousand nine-hundred ten dollars (\$174,910), is hereby approved.

Under Suspension of Rules  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Honorable City Council  
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Dear Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting approval to accept and expend \$190,000 in grant funding from MassDOT's Community Transit Grant Program FY24 for Newton transportation for older adults and individuals with disabilities during the fiscal year.

The City is currently contracted with Via to provide the senior service portion of our transportation for Newton in Motion (NewMo). NewMo also provides transportation for people with disabilities. The City will provide a match to MassDOT funds using part of the \$275,000 that the City puts towards senior transportation on an annual basis.

The City is finalizing an RFP to solicit proposals for a new contract for transportation with a primary focus on senior transportation.

Please see the attached memo from Planning & Development Director Barney Heath. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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**Barney S. Heath**  
Director

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**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** November 10, 2023  
**To:** Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer  
Jonathan Yeo, Chief of Operations  
**From:** Barney Heath, Director of Planning & Development  
**Subject:** Request to Docket Item to Accept MassDOT Community Transit Grant Program  
SFY24

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We request approval to accept and expend \$190,000 in grant funding from MassDOT's Community Transit Grant Program SFY24 for the following project:

Newton Senior Transportation Operating FY24

The City is contracted with Via to provide the senior service portion of our transportation. The City will provide a match to MassDOT funds using part of the \$275,000 that the City puts towards senior transportation on an annual basis.

Attached:

- Award Letter



Maura Healey, Governor  
Kimberley Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor  
Monica Tibbitts-Nutt, Acting Secretary & CEO  
Meredith Slesinger, MassDOT Rail & Transit Administrator

373-23



November 6, 2023

Nicole Freedman  
City of Newton  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Nicole Freedman:

On behalf of Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll, I am pleased to notify you that the City of Newton has been competitively selected to receive a State Fiscal Year 2024 Community Transit Grant Program award for the following project:

Newton Senior Transportation Operating FY24 in the amount of \$190,000

Through this funding, we are pleased to support your efforts to expand mobility for older adults and individuals with disabilities in Massachusetts.

In the coming weeks, you will receive further instructions from the MassDOT Transit Division detailing next steps, including any necessary budgetary revisions. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Rachel Fichtenbaum, Manager of Grant Programs and Mobility Management, at [Rachel.L.Fichtenbaum@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Rachel.L.Fichtenbaum@dot.state.ma.us) with any questions.

Thank you for your continued commitment to improving mobility in the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

*Meredith Slesinger*

Meredith Slesinger  
MassDOT Rail and Transit Administrator

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

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(SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Councilors:

I respectfully submit this request to your Honorable Council for approval to spend \$33,333 in transportation mitigation funds on NewMo operations from the 15 Riverdale Avenue development. This is consistent with the transportation demand management plan set out in Special Permit #01-20 and the approved Request for Determination of Insubstantial Change dated 2/2/22.

The approved language calls for payments for NewMo in three equal installments totaling \$100,000, the first on 2/1/22, the second on 8/1/23 and the third on 2/1/24. This approval is only for the second payment on 8/1/23 of \$33,333. The City plans to request the third installment later in Fiscal Year 2024.

As stated in the 2/2/22 Request for Determination of Insubstantial Change,

"The applicant has been in touch with the Watertown TMA, and learned that there is presently no funding to extend the Pleasant Street shuttle into Newton via California Street. Accordingly the Applicant proposes the following language to replace condition 56d:

"Providing the City with a contribution of \$100,000. The funds are to be used for such transportation purposes as the City deems appropriate, including without limitation, NewMo. These funds shall be paid in three equal installations: the first on February 1, 2022, the second on August 1, 2023, and the third on February 1, 2024."

The first payment has been used for NewMo operations during 2022. A memo from Director of Planning & Development Barney Heath is attached.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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**Barney S. Heath**  
Director

**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** August 7, 2023  
**To:** Mayor Ruthanne Fuller  
**From:** Barney Health, Director – Planning & Development  
**Subject:** Request to Docket Item to Expend 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of Riverdale Funds for NewMo consistent with Comprehensive Special Permit #01-20

We request approval to spend the second installment of the total \$100,000 in transportation mitigation funds from the 15 Riverdale Ave development consistent with the transportation demand management plan set out in Special Permit #01-20 and the approved Request for Determination of Insubstantial Change dated 2/2/22. The money will be received in 3 equal installments, the first on 2/1/22 which has been received, the second on 8/1/23 and the third on 2/1/24, and spent on NewMo accordingly.

As stated in the Request for Determination of Insubstantial Change”

The applicant has been in touch with the Watertown TMA, and learned that there is presently no funding to extend the Pleasant Street shuttle into Newton via California Street. Accordingly the Applicant proposes the following language to replace condition 56d:

“Providing the City with a contribution of \$100,000. The funds are to be used for such transportation purposes as the City deems appropriate, including without limitation, NewMo.”



CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman authorization to spend the sum of thirty-three thousand, three hundred thirty-three dollars (\$33,333) in transportation mitigation funds from the 15 Riverdale Avenue development for NewMo operations consistent with the transportation demand management plan set out in Special Permit #01-20 and the approved Request for Determination of Insubstantial Change dated 2/2/22 be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	15 Riverdale Ave Transportation Mitigation (5563D114-590001) .....	\$33,333
TO:	NewMo Transportation (01C11408-538300) .....	\$33,333

Under Suspension of Rules  
Readings Waived and Approved  
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(SGD) CAROL MOORE  
City Clerk

(SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER  
Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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November 27, 2023

Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
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Councilors:

I respectfully ask for authorization to transfer and expend the sum of \$50,000 from Acct# 0140120-511002, Street Division – Full-Time Wages, to Acct# 67A109A2-515201, Municipal Employees General Fund – Worker's Compensation in order to settle Worker's Compensation claim # WC003901.

I have attached a memo from Kelly Brown, the City's Worker's Compensation Manager, to explain in further detail. She will also be available to answer specific questions in Executive Session.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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## Interoffice Memorandum

**To:** Maureen Lemieux  
**From:** Kelly Brown- Workers Compensation Manager  
**Date:** October 18, 2023  
**Re:** Docket Request to settle WC Claim # WC003901 Date of Injury 01/19/2021

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Worker's Compensation Manager, Kelly Brown respectfully requests approval to appropriate funds to settle WC claim #WC003901 date of Injury 01/19/2021 for \$ 50,000.

The appropriation will be from the Workers Compensation General fund WC fund Budget code 67A109A2-515201 Municipal-Workers Compensation-Wages to the 67A109A2-572500 Workers Compensation -Claims and Settlements account.

I respectfully ask for the appropriation of \$50K to pay this when the lump sum paperwork comes in as it is a sound business decision based on the potential claim exposure.

I will make myself available to attend a Finance Committee meeting to present this matter and answer any questions that you or the committee members may have.

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IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, authorization to transfer the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from Acct #0140120-511002, DPW Street Division – Full-Time Wages, to Acct # 67A109A2-572500, Municipal Employees General Fund – Workers Compensation Legal Claims and Settlements, in order to settle Worker’s Compensation Claim # WC003901 is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	DPW Street Division – Full-Time Wages (0140120-511002) .....	\$50,000
TO:	Workers Compensation- Legal Claims and Settlements (67A109A2-572500) .....	\$50,000

Under Suspension of Rules  
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(SGD) CAROL MOORE  
City Clerk

(SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER  
Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_