



Finance Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

The Finance Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84683863029> or call 1- 646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 846 8386 3029

Items scheduled for discussion:

- #470-22** **Acceptance of \$67,272 .72 for Newton Fire Department Training**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of sixty-seven thousand two hundred seventy-two dollars and seventy-two cents (\$67,272.72) from an Assistance to Firefighter Grant through the Department of Homeland Security. The grant funding awarded is going to be used by the Newton Fire Department to conduct training on structural collapse props and to purchase a structural collapse prop structure.
- #471-22** **Acceptance of \$131,952.38 from a Fire Prevention & Safety grant**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of one hundred thirty-one thousand nine hundred fifty-two dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$131,952.3800 from a Fire Prevention & Safety grant through the Department of Homeland Security. The grant funding awarded is going to be used by the Newton Fire Department to conduct training for 30 members on Arson/Fire Investigation and to purchase fire investigation kits which include tools and PPE.
- Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**
- #472-22** **Request to transfer \$100,000 from the Energy Stabilization Fund**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the City's Energy Stabilization Fund for the design of a new HVAC system to replace the aging 30+ year old systems at the Newton Free Library. The project will replace the existing chiller, cooling towers and boilers with a heat pump chiller to convert the building to be fully electric.

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 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 Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#473-22

Request to transfer \$65,000 from the Energy Stabilization Fund

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) from the City's Energy Stabilization Fund for the design of a new HVAC system that will convert the existing fuel system at Pierce Elementary School to a fossil free fuel HVAC system.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Walker Grossman, Chair



RUTHANNE FULLER
MAYOR

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Office of the Mayor

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September 26, 2022

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

Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of \$67,272.72 from an Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) through the Department of Homeland Security.

The grant funding awarded is going to be used by the Newton Fire Department to conduct training on structural collapse props and to purchase a structural collapse prop structure.

The Fire Department is responsible for a 10% match of \$6,727.28, funded out of the department's training budget. The period of this reimbursable grant is for one year, from 8/30/2022 to 8/29/2024.

A memo from Fire Chief Greg Gentile is attached along with the Homeland Security-FEMA Award Form.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor



Greg Gentile
Chief

CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

1164 Centre Street, Newton Center, MA 02459-1584
Chief: (617) 796-2210 Fire Prevention: (617) 796-2230
FAX: (617) 796-2211 EMERGENCY: 911



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

September 1, 2022

Maureen Lemieux
Chief Financial Officer
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Ave
Newton, MA 02459

Maureen,

I respectfully request to docket funding of \$67,272.72 from an Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) through the Department of Homeland Security. The Fire Department is responsible for a 10% match of \$6,727.28. The period of the grant is 8/30/2022 to 8/29/2024.

The grant funding awarded is going to be used to conduct training on structural collapse props and to purchase a structural collapse prop structure.

The Grant is a reimbursement grant; therefore, we respectfully request authorization to expend the grant and when refunded to replenish our account of expenditure.

Thank you for your consideration to this request.

Respectfully,

Greg Gentile
Chief of Department

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Gentile", is written over the typed name and title.

Award Letter

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20472

Effective date: 08/23/2022



FEMA

Phillip McCully
NEWTON, CITY OF
1164 CENTRE ST
NEWTON, MA 02459

EMW-2021-FG-04011

Dear Phillip McCully,

Congratulations on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security. Your application submitted for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Grant funding opportunity has been approved in the amount of \$67,272.72 in Federal funding. As a condition of this grant, you are required to contribute non-Federal funds equal to or greater than 10.0% of the Federal funds awarded, or \$6,727.28 for a total approved budget of \$74,000.00. Please see the FY 2021 AFG Notice of Funding Opportunity for information on how to meet this cost share requirement.

Before you request and receive any of the Federal funds awarded to you, you must establish acceptance of the award through the FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) system. By accepting this award, you acknowledge that the terms of the following documents are incorporated into the terms of your award:

- Summary Award Memo - included in this document
- Agreement Articles - included in this document
- Obligating Document - included in this document
- 2021 AFG Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) - incorporated by reference

Please make sure you read, understand, and maintain a copy of these documents in your official file for this award.

Sincerely,

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman authorization to accept, appropriate and expend the sum of sixty-seven thousand two hundred seventy-two dollars and seventy-two cents (\$67,272.72) from an Assistance to Firefighter Grant through the Department of Homeland Security. The grand funding awarded is going to be used by the Newton Fire Department to conduct training on structural collapse props and to purchase a structural collapse prop structure be and is hereby approved.

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
23 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Councilor Kalis)

(SGD) CAROL MOORE
City Clerk

(SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER
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Honorable City Council
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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of \$131,952.38 for a Fire Prevention & Safety grant through the Department of Homeland Security - FEMA.

The grant funding awarded is going to be used by the Newton Fire Department to conduct training for 30 members on Arson/Fire Investigation and to purchase fire investigation kits which include tools and PPE.

The Newton Fire Department is responsible for a 5% match of \$6,597.62, which will be funded from the department's training budget. The period of the grant is one year, from 9/11/2022 to 9/10/2023.

A memo from Fire Chief Greg Gentile is attached along with the Homeland Security-FEMA Award Form.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
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September 9, 2022

Maureen Lemieux
Chief Financial Officer
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Ave
Newton, MA 02459

Maureen,

I respectfully request to docket funding of \$131,952.38 from a grant through the Department of Homeland Security for Fire Prevention & Safety. The Fire Department is responsible for a 5% match of \$6,597.62. The period of the grant is 9/11/2022 to 9/10/2023.

The grant funding awarded is going to be used to conduct training for 30 members for Arson/Fire Investigation and to purchase fire investigation kits which include tools and PPE.

The Grant is a reimbursement grant; therefore, we respectfully request authorization to expend the grant and when refunded to replenish our account of expenditure.

Thank you for your consideration to this request.

Respectfully,

Greg Gentile
Chief of Department

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Award Letter

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20472

Effective date: 09/04/2022



Phillip McCully
NEWTON, CITY OF
1164 CENTRE ST
NEWTON, MA 02459

EMW-2021-FP-00003

Dear Phillip McCully,

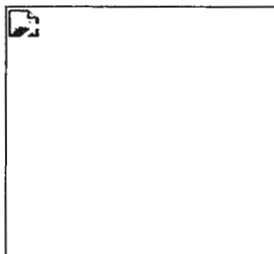
Congratulations on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security. Your application submitted for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Fire Prevention & Safety (FPS) Grant funding opportunity has been approved in the amount of \$131,952.38 in Federal funding. As a condition of this grant, you are required to contribute non-Federal funds equal to or greater than 5.00% of the Federal funds awarded, or \$6,597.62 for a total approved budget of \$138,550.00. Please see the FY 2021 FP&S Notice of Funding Opportunity for information on how to meet this cost share requirement.

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Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
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Honorable City Council
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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting the use of \$100,000 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for the design of a new HVAC system to replace the aging 30+ year old systems at the Newton Free Library. The project will replace the existing chiller, cooling towers and boilers with a heat pump chiller to convert the building to be fully electric.

The design will be completed during the remainder of FY2023 and FY2024 with bidding and construction currently estimated during FY2025.

Please see the attached letter from Public Buildings Commissioner Josh Morse.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ruthanne Fuller".

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor



CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT
52 ELLIOT STREET, NEWTON HIGHLANDS, MA 02461

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor
Josh Morse, Building Commissioner

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August 30, 2022

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Re: Main Library HVAC

Dear Mayor Fuller:

The Public Buildings Department requests \$100,000.00 for the design of a new HVAC system to replace the aging 30+ year old systems at the Main Library. The project will replace the existing chiller, cooling towers and boilers with a heat pump chiller to convert the building to be fully electric.

The design will be completed this fiscal year with the bidding and contract award during FY2025.

The funding source for this project will be from the Energy Stabilization Fund.

Sincerely,

Josh Morse
Public Buildings Commissioner

cc: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Facilities Committee through its Chair Alison Leary and the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the City’s Energy Stabilization Fund for the design of a new HVAC system to replace the aging 30+ year old systems at the Newton Free Library. The project will replace the existing chiller, cooling towers and boilers with a heat pump chiller to convert the building to be fully electric be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Capital Stabilization Energy Account (7907C104-597830)	\$100,000
TO:	Library HVAC System (7830B115-582500)	\$100,000

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
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(SGD) CAROL MOORE
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(SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER
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September 26, 2022

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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting the use of \$65,000 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for the design of a new HVAC system that will convert the existing fuel oil system at Peirce Elementary School to a fossil-free-fuel-HVAC system. This school is our last remaining school with an oil heating plant. This HVAC conversion solution for Peirce could then be adapted as necessary for use at multiple facilities in Newton currently on natural gas-fed systems.

Please see the attached letter from Public Buildings Commissioner Josh Morse.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor



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August 30, 2022

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
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Re: Peirce School

Dear Mayor Fuller:

The Public Buildings Department is requesting \$65,000 for the complete the design of a new HVAC System that will convert the existing #2 fuel oil system to a fossil-free-fuel-HVAC system at the Peirce Elementary. This school is our last remaining school with a #2 oil heating plant. This economical solution for this school could be expanded, adapted as necessary, for use at multiple facilities in Newton.

The funding source for this project will be from the Energy Stabilization Fund.

Sincerely,

Josh Morse
Public Buildings Commissioner

cc: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer



Investing Now for
Newton's Future

**Mayor Ruthanne Fuller, the City of
Newton and Newton Public Schools
present the Peirce School Fossil-Fuel-
Free HVAC Project**



Peirce Elementary School is our last remaining school with an oil heating plant. \$65,000 is being requested in the current fiscal year to complete the design and installation of a new HVAC System that will convert the existing fuel oil system to a fossil-free-fuel-HVAC system. This economical solution for this school could be expanded, adapted as necessary, for use at multiple facilities in Newton.