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CLARENDON HILL HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT

ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST

The Department of Infrastructure and Asset Management – Engineering Division is requesting an additional appropriation to fully fund the Clarendon Hill Housing Redevelopment Infrastructure project. Additional funding is required to undertake the infrastructure work required to complete the housing redevelopment without incurring unnecessary delays.

The Clarendon Hill Housing Redevelopment Infrastructure project was initially funded by MassWorks grants totaling \$4,900,000. The estimated project cost has increased considerably from the time of the grant application as labor and material costs continue to rise in the wake of the pandemic, among other factors.

Engineering recently received bids in response to an IFB for this project. All bids received exceeded the design estimate, necessitating additional funding before the department can proceed with a contract and begin work. Including design costs, police details, the construction bid, and a 20% project contingency, the total project cost is now **\$8,155,220**.

In addition to the \$4,900,000 MassWorks grants, OSPCD has allotted \$1,600,000 in bond authorization funding for Engineering's infrastructure work on this project, with the current project appropriation totaling \$6,500,000. Borrowing for this project is included as part of a district improvement financing plan. The DIF has previously been voted on and approved by City Council.

Engineering requires additional appropriations totaling **\$1,655,220** to supplement the current appropriations in order to meet the total project cost. The project team has determined that the overall project consists of 60% General Fund-related work and 40% Sewer-related work, and so the additional appropriation requests will total 60% General Fund bonds (\$993,132) and 40% Sewer Enterprise bonds (\$662,088).

General Fund work will include the design and construction of a new signalized intersection at Powder House Blvd and Alewife Brook Pkwy, inclusive of roadways, sidewalks, and bike lane paving. It will also include the installation of traffic signals, landscaping and green infrastructure.

Sewer work will include the design and construction of sewer and drain utilities, including the functional use of storm drain and sanitary sewer, and the cutting & capping of 18" drain and 12" sewer lines crossing Somerville Housing Authority property at 34 North Street.