



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

June 15, 2023

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CITY CLERK

City Council President Linda M. Morad
Honorable Members of the City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Morad and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval a LOAN ORDER to authorize the borrowing of funds to pay the costs of the replacement of the roof at the **Elizabeth Carter Books Elementary School, 212 Nemasket, New Bedford, MA.**

I have attached correspondence from Superintendent of Schools Thomas Anderson regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Jon Mitchell
Mayor



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June 15, 2023

Mayor Jonathan Mitchell
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Re: Elizabeth C. Brooks Elementary School Construction Appropriation

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

On June 21, 2023, the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) will vote to approve the Proposed Accelerated Repair Project for a roof replacement at the Elizabeth C. Brooks Elementary School. The total budget for this project is three million, seven hundred eighteen thousand, two hundred and thirty-six dollars (\$3,718,236). The scope of work for this project includes roof replacement and metal surround replacement.

The District's normal reimbursement rate is 80% on eligible scope of work. At the Elizabeth C. Brooks Elementary School, the District is receiving the full reimbursement rate for the value of the roof replacement; however, since the cost of construction has increased above the MSBA reimbursement rate, the actual reimbursement will be closer to 65.99%.

In the event that the MSBA determines that any owner's and/or construction contingency expenditures are eligible for reimbursement, the Maximum Total Facilities Grant we are eligible for is \$2,453,552. The City's maximum cost for this project will be \$1,264,685.

The MSBA is requiring the City to approve funding for the project within 90 days of the June 21, 2023 date. We would therefore respectfully request the inclusion of a loan order for \$3,718,236 in the Mayor's papers for the June 22, 2023 City Council meeting. The reason for having this appropriation request on the June 22, 2023 City Council Meeting is to allow the project to continue on schedule as roofing lead times are running 30 weeks. Please see below:

Brooks School Milestone Dates

- 6/22/23 – First City Council Vote
 - Release the Architect to begin work (design and bidding services).
- 7/20/23 – Second City Council Vote
- 9/21/23 – 100% Bid Documents
- 10/13/23 – File Sub Bids Due
- 10/20/23 – General Contractor Bids Due
- 10/23/23 – 11/17 – Bid award and construction contract approval.
- 6/24/24 – 12/6/24 – Construction.
- 12/9/24 – 3/28/25 – Project Closeout.

Sincerely,

Thomas Anderson, Superintendent

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CITY COUNCIL

June 22, 2023

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AN ORDER APPROPRIATING \$3,718,236 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF AT THE ELIZABETH CARTER BROOKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

BE IT ORDERED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AS FOLLOWS:

That the City appropriate the amount of Three Million Seven Hundred Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-Six (\$3,718,236) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of the replacement of the roof at the Elizabeth Carter Books Elementary School, 212 Nemasket, New Bedford, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Committee; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor and Committee on Finance is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Chapter 70B, or pursuant to any other enabling authority that the City acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City; provided further that any grant that City may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) Eighty percent (80 %) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA; or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA.

FURTHER that the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any or all the bonds and to provide such information and execute such documents as the Municipal Finance Oversight Board may require for these purposes.