



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

March 21, 2019

City Council President Linda M. Morad and
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 appropriating \$360,722
for Accelerated Repair Project at the Elizabeth Carter Brooks Elementary School.

Sincerely,



Jon Mitchell
Mayor



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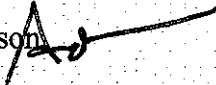
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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Jonathan Mitchell
From: Superintendent Thomas Anderson 
Date: March 12, 2019
Subject: Trinity Day Academy and John Avery Parker Elementary School Accelerated Repair Projects

The Massachusetts School Building Authority voted on the proposed Accelerated Repair Projects (ARP) for replacement of the boiler at the Trinity Day Academy and the roof at the John Avery Parker Elementary School on February 13, 2019. This round of ARP projects has been included in the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Program.

The total budgets for these projects are:

Project	Total Cost	Maximum Grant from MSBA	City's Maximum Cost	Expected reimbursement rate
John Avery Parker Roof	\$1,450,861	\$1,100,560	\$350,301	75.85%*
Trinity Day Academy Boiler Replacement	\$816,107	\$649,049	\$167,058	79.52%

- The Parker Roof project is below the 80% reimbursement rate due to Designer Costs above the 20% allowed for construction costs.

In addition, the Elizabeth Brooks ARP project was initially approved on March 22, 2018. The initial bid was over budget by \$709,936. The project was subsequently revised in scope and put out to bid a second time in December 2018. The lowest bid places the project \$360,722 over budget.

I respectfully request the inclusion of a loan order for the proposed ARP projects and an amendment to the Elizabeth Brooks loan order to accommodate the overage. It will be possible to offset the additional cost and to defray the proposed ARP projects by reducing the loan orders for the existing Taylor at Sea-Lab and Parker ARP projects by \$360,722 and \$1,000,000, respectively.

Thank you for your consideration.



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

March 28, 2019

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING \$360,722 FOR ACCELERATED REPAIR PROJECT 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 Hundred Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-Two Dollars (\$360,722), which amount is in addition to the amount of \$4,100,334 approved under the order of the City council passed March 22, 2018, for the purpose of paying the costs of repairs to the Elizabeth Carter Brooks Elementary School consisting of the replacement of windows, doors, boiler, the abatement of hazardous material, handicap accessibility improvements and a new fire alarm system including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"); which proposed repair project will materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for a portion of which the City has applied 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 the Committee on Finance is authorized to borrow such 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 that may be received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City; provided further that any grant that the City of New Bedford may receive from the MSBA for the eligible portion of 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 provided that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this order shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA; and further that the amount appropriated and authorized to be borrowed under this order shall be provided by a transfer of \$360,722 of the appropriation and borrowing authority for the Taylor School at SeaLab project authorized by the order of the City Council approved by the Mayor on October 14, 2014, and that such order be amended to reduce the appropriation and borrowing authority accordingly.

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 and 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.

Further, that any premium received by the City upon sale of any bonds or notes hereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed hereunder shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied; and the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.