



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

March 25, 2021

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on COVID-19 & Business at a Meeting held on Monday, March 08, 2021, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Abreu, Lima, Council President Lopes, Councillors Giesta, Markey, Carney and Baptiste, requesting, that our Federal Delegation offer financial stimulus solutions and economic recovery pathways for New Bedford and Massachusetts-based businesses who opened after September 01, 2019, under the current terms of the "City of New Bedford COVID-19 Small Business Grant & Loan Program," is a Federally funded U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and its terms of eligibility are very specific, so the City of New Bedford has no authority to financially assist this particular business population through this mechanism. (To be Referred to Congressman William Keating, Senator Edward Markey, and Senator Elizabeth Warren). (Ref'd 01/14/2021)

On motion by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to take "No Further Action" on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Abreu, Lima, Council President Lopes, Councillors Giesta, Markey, Carney and Baptiste, requesting, that our Federal Delegation offer financial stimulus solutions and economic recovery pathways for New Bedford and Massachusetts-based businesses who opened after September 01, 2019, under the current terms of the "City of New Bedford COVID-19 Small Business Grant & Loan Program," is a Federally funded U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and its terms of eligibility are very specific, so the City of New Bedford has no authority to financially assist this particular business population through this mechanism. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 4, Nays 0, with Councillors Abreu, yes; Dunn, yes; Giesta, yes and Lima, yes.

IN COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 &
BUSINESS

Councillor Hugh Dunn, Chairman

HD: dmb



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CITY COUNCIL

January 14, 2021

WRITTEN MOTION

Requesting, that our Federal Delegation offer financial stimulus solutions and economic recovery pathways for New Bedford and Massachusetts-based businesses who opened after September 01, 2019, under the current terms of the "City of New Bedford COVID-19 Small Business Grant & Loan Program," is a Federally funded U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and its terms of eligibility are very specific, so the City of New Bedford has no authority to financially assist this particular business population through this mechanism. (To be Referred to Congressman William Keating, Senator Edward Markey and Senator Elizabeth Warren.)

Ian Abreu, Councillor at Large

Scott J. Lima, Councillor Ward Five

Joseph P. Lopes, City Council President

Maria E. Giesta, Councillor Ward Two

Brad Markey, Councillor Ward One

Naomi R.A. Carney, Councillor at Large

Derek Baptiste, Councillor Ward Four