

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

February 1, 2018

Upon recommendation of the Mayor and the Whiting Street Fund Committee

O-18.018 An Order
to Appropriate \$20,000 in Whiting Street Trust Funds

Whereas, Mr. Whiting Street, a successful Northampton business man, left \$25,000 to the City of Northampton in his will of 1875 with instructions that the money be used “for the relief and comfort of the worthy poor”,

Whereas, the Whiting Street Fund Committee, which was created by Administrative Order, issued its first-ever grant application seeking proposals from local organizations with the goal of helping low-income persons in our community and with a specific focus on helping resolve food insecurity issues in the community;

Whereas, the Whiting Street Fund Committee received and reviewed the applications and has made its recommendations to the Mayor;

Ordered, that

\$20,000 be appropriated from the interest in the Whiting Street Trust Fund to the following organizations:

\$10,000 to MANNA Soup Kitchen for the purchase of a used van. MANNA will match this grant with \$5000 and will purchase a van which is integral to the mission of providing meals to hungry people in Northampton. MANNA serves four lunches and one dinner, 52 weeks of the year and has worked tirelessly on behalf of those in need for thirty-one years.

\$5,000 to the Northampton Survival Center to support their Basic Nutritional Needs Program which provides a healthy seven day supply of food for each member of every household that comes to them. The Northampton Survival Center is in its thirty-ninth year of operation as an emergency food pantry.

\$5,000 to Grow Food Northampton, Inc. to support their Incentive based Food Access initiatives which make it more convenient and affordable for low-income residents to purchase healthy food produced by local farmers. The funding will help support SNAP, Share, Red Bag Senior Share, Red Bag Family Share and Tuesday Market SNAP Matching.