



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT
GIFT ACCEPTANCE FORM

Ordered, that, the City of Newburyport accepts the following grant in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A:

Date of Gift:	11/17/2023	
City Department:	Mayor's Office	
Staff Contact:	Kim Turner, Manager of Special Projects	
<i>Gift Overview</i>		
Gift Type:	Monetary	
Donor:	The Mayor Gayden W. Morrill Charitable Foundation	
Purpose:	See attached funding directive.	
Gift Amount:	\$110,000.00	
<i>For Office Use Only</i>		
City Council Packet Date:	11/27/2023	
Emergency Measure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Councillor Sharif I. Zeid

In City Council November 27, 2023:

Motion to refer ORDR00515 to Community Services by Councillor Zeid , seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 10 yes, 1 no (Lane). Motion passes.

In City Council December 11, 2023:

Motion to collectively invoke Rule 7H for ORDR00515 and ORDR00474 by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Preston. 10 yes, 1 present (Lane). So voted.

**ROBERT D. MORRILL
8396 SW SNAPDRAGON COURT
STUART, FLORIDA 34997**

November 17, 2023

**Hon. Sean R. Reardon, Mayor
City of Newburyport
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, Massachusetts 01950**

Re: Morrill Foundation Funding Directive

Dear Mr. Mayor,

This letter is to confirm that The Mayor Gayden W. Morrill Charitable Foundation will contribute \$110,000.00 to the City for next year, 2024.

The foundation appreciates the City prioritizing The Bartlet Mall. It's historical record and being a focal point within the City, raises it's importance to the highest level.

During the summer, I noticed a large maple tree at the bottom of the slope along High street at the Bartlet Mall. Last year the foundation designated \$37,000.00 for continuing the slope's restoration at that particular location. That allocation needs to change. It will therefore be redirected to the Mall's granite seating.

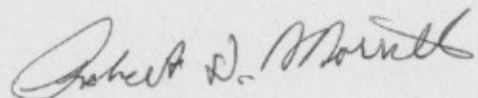
Kim kindly noted on page 8 of the Annual Report that \$2,053.46 was not used for the door on Atkinson Commons Maintenance Building. That money will also be redirected to the Mall's granite seating.

In summary, the foundation is directing a total of \$149,053.46 to be used for the Bartlet Mall's granite seating.

I know that the City Council will have to formally accept these funds at its December meeting. Kindly advise all trustees of their acceptance with the original acceptance letter to our treasurer, Mrs. Julia Morrill Sweet, a check will then be issued for the next year.

In the meantime, we hope that all in Newburyport will have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas, and a safe, joyous and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert D. Morrill". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Robert D. Morrill

cc: James Astle Morrill, Julia Morrill Sweet, James Gayden Morrill, Mary Haslinger, Kimberly Turner, Ted Boretti, Ethan Manning, Jack Grady