



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To James L. Sullivan, City Manager

Date February 13, 1979

From Joseph W. Fischer, Director

Reference

Subject

The following report is presented in response to City Council Order no. 1 of December 11, 1979, requesting information about Cambridge programs funded under the Youth Employment and Demonstration Projects Act (YEDPA).

YEDPA is an "entitlement" program; money is distributed by a nationally mandated formula. In fiscal year 1979, Cambridge will receive \$445,000 in YEDPA funds. These funds will be distributed as follows:

- 1) \$81,000 will be used to fund a project administered by the Just-A-Start Corporation. This project will employ 15 out-of-school youth in full time positions to rehabilitate approximately 150 dwellings of low-income residents of Area 3 and 4. Participants will all be high-school dropouts. They will learn basic renovation skills and good work habits as a result of this project. They will also be required to attend GED classes as a prerequisite of participation. It is hoped that all participants will receive their Graduate Equivalency Certificate and that a high percentage will enter unsubsidized employment.
- 2) \$364,000 will be subcontracted to CEOC, Cambridge CETA's traditional employment and training service deliverer. By agreement with the Cambridge CETA administration and the Cambridge School Department, this money will be used to fund three major programs:
 - a) An On-the-Job Training program will provide 15 in-school (but potential dropout) youth with meaningful training and work experience in the private sector. This program will be coordinated with the Rindge-Latin Work/Study program.
 - b) Over 200 in-school youth will receive services designed to ease the transition from school to work, including in-depth assessment, vocational counseling and job placement. Cambridge CETA has outstationed a full-time job placement counselor within the Rindge-Latin building.

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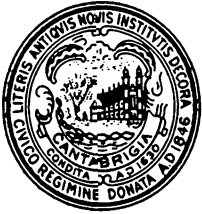
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This counselor can call upon the full range of resources available at CEOC and COMA to increase the employment opportunities of her clients.

- c) CEOC will contract with the Division of Occupational Education of the Cambridge School Department to offer Vocational Training to 30 drop-out youth in the fields of auto mechanics, electrical shop and sheet metal/welding. After a 36 week course conducted at the Albany Street site, the youths will enter OJT in the private sector in the area of their speciality. These youths will also attend GED classes concurrent with their vocational training.

One of the major purposes of the YEDPA Act of 1977 was the encouragement of linkages between local CETA entities and local school systems. In Cambridge, this goal has met with unprecedented success. In the last two years, the relationship between CEOC, COMA and Cambridge School Department has become one of cordial cooperation towards the goal of greater employment opportunities for the young people of the city. There are always problems, of course; and there is a long way to go to a perfectly integrated program; but the distance we have come since 1976 is immense.



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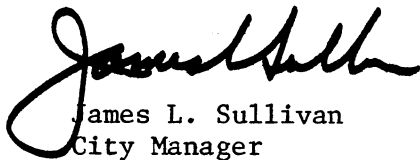
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

February 26, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 4 relative to the Youth Employment and Demonstration Projects Act, enclosed please find copy of a report from Joseph V. Fischer, Director of the CETA Program.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
Enc.

Agenda #3

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Response to Awaiting Report No. 4 re: Youth
Employment and Demonstration Projects Act.

In City Council,

February 26, 1979

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