

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 41

Acceptance of a resolution for funding
under the HOME Program.

In City Council June 24, 1991

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT	
Mr. Ed Cyr	✓				
Mr. Francis H. Duehay	✓				
Mr. Jonathan S. Myers	✓				
Mr. Kenneth E. Reeves	✓				
Mrs. Sheila T. Russell	✓				
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan	✓				
Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	✓				
Mr. William H. Walsh	✓				
Mayor Alice K. Wolf	✓				

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IN CITY COUNCIL

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WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of America has enacted the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, and within said Act the Home Investment in Affordable Housing Program as promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 24CFR Part 92, allowing units of general local government to enter into mutual cooperation agreements to form a consortium for the purpose of obtaining funding as a participating jurisdiction under the Home Investment in Affordable Housing Program (HOME Program), and

WHEREAS, a municipality must enter into a consortium to qualify for HOME Program funding unless its HOME grant amount under the Federal formula will be at least \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, recent action by the U.S. House of Representatives lowers the anticipated Cambridge HOME Program grant to approximately \$450,000; and

WHEREAS, unless through U.S. Senate action HOME Program funding is increased by an amount that brings the Cambridge grant up to or above \$500,000, Cambridge will be required to enter into a consortium no later than July 15, 1991 in order to receive a HOME Program grant during Fiscal Year 1991-1992;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE:

That, should Cambridge by July 15, 1991 remain at a HOME Program grant level below \$500,000, the City Manager is authorized and directed hereby to enter into a consortium of municipalities under the provisions of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, and to execute all inter-municipality agreements required to accomplish this objective.

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Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

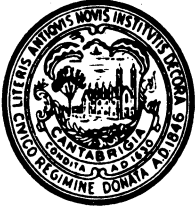
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

Joseph E. Connarton

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

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Deputy City Manager

June 24, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council

The purpose of the attached resolution prepared for your action is to ensure that Cambridge will receive funding under the Federal Government's HOME Program, which provides grants for rehabilitation and construction of affordable housing.

The HOME Program was established by Congress as part of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. At the authorized funding level, Cambridge would receive a HOME grant of nearly \$2 million in Fiscal Year 1992. Congress is currently debating the final appropriation level, but recent House action lowering it to \$500 million reduces the prospective Cambridge grant to approximately \$450,000.

In order to receive a HOME grant, a municipality must either be at a grant level of at least \$500,000 or, if not, must join with a group of municipalities whose combined grant is at least \$500,000. Since the House action puts Cambridge below the \$500,000 threshold, we must plan to join a group -- known in the legislation as a "HOME Consortium".

Authorization by the City Council to join a HOME Consortium is needed at the June 24th meeting, since if no Congressional action putting Cambridge back up above the threshold should occur by July 15, 1991, we will have to commit ourselves to a HOME Consortium on that day in order to meet the requirements of the grant application timetable.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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CONSENT AGENDA

Loan order passed on May 6, 1991 to include additional 3,500 square feet of ground floor space at the Area Four Teen Center, primarily to be set aside for a day care program.

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*Order adopted
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