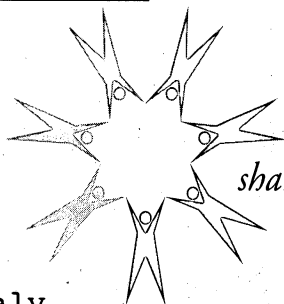


Department of Human Service Programs



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TO: Robert W. Healy

FROM: Jill Herold

DATE: March 11, 1996

RE: Council Order #92, RE: ERI Summer Jobs Program

Jill Herold
Assistant City Manager

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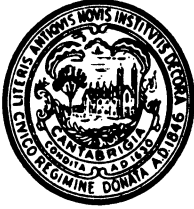
It is not yet clear whether there will be a federally funded summer jobs program at ERI this summer. Originally, the JTPA program from which the funds come had been slated to be abolished this year. Because Congress has not yet agreed upon a new jobs training program to replace JTPA and other federal jobs programs, the JTPA program which funds year round adult and youth programs as well as the summer program still exists and is likely to exist in some form into at least next year. There may, however, be no monies budgeted for the summer program.

The budget of the Labor Department is still being funded by continuing resolution and no budget has as yet been approved. The current continuing resolution ends on March 15. Last week, the Labor Department announced that it expected that it would have the money to fund a slightly smaller summer program, on the assumption that a new continuing resolution would provide funding at 75% for all existing programs. Immediately after that notice was given, the Labor Department was forced to retract based on objections by the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee and no information will be available until after a new continuing resolution is adopted, on or after March 15.

Last summer, the federal summer jobs program at ERI led to 230 public sector jobs and 130 private sector jobs for income/program eligible Cambridge youth. If new funding is not available for this year, ERI may be able to provide a very much smaller jobs program for eligible youth using some carryover funds from last year. If, however, the program is funded at the 75% level, ERI believes it could fund a program similar in size to last year's program.

We will keep monitoring the situation and are working with the Regional Employment Board and ERI to be sure that if there is money available, Cambridge youth will be served.





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March 18, 1996

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 21, regarding the status of ERI's youth summer job program, please find attached a response from Assistant City Manager for Human Services Jill Herold.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #17

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item
Number Twenty-one, regarding the
status of ERI's youth summer job
program.

In City Council March 18, 1996

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