



City of Cambridge
Department of Human Service Programs
51 Inman Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139, 498-9076

To: Robert W. Healy
City Manager
Date: November 25, 1985
From: Jill Herold
Asst. City Manager for Human Services
Reference:
Subject: Community Music Outreach Program

Background

The Community Music Outreach Program has been a successful program offering very low cost music instruction in two Cambridge neighborhoods over the last four years. The program was originally offered under the auspices of the New School of Music and, in collaboration with the Department of Human Services, was integrated into the Community Schools programs at the King and the Fletcher Schools. The coordinators at both sites have been active in outreach, and recruitment, scheduling, preparing materials, collecting fees and in other tasks necessary to maintain such a program.

The Cambridge Arts Council has made several grants to the program through the City Arts & Arts Lottery programs. These grants have totaled \$10,000 in the last three years. In the late summer of 1984, the City of Cambridge, through a trust fund, made \$4000 available to the New School of Music for the Community Music Program. The contract for these funds was administered through the Department of Human Services.

Several major proposals have been developed collaboratively between the New School, the Department, and the Cambridge Arts Council. None of these unfortunately have been funded.

In the spring of 1985, in light of the growing burden of fund-raising for the program, the New School made the difficult but understandable decision to discontinue its involvement with the program. At that time, the Cambridge Arts Council retained Lucille Magliozzi, the guitar teacher at the Fletcher, to raise funds to maintain the guitar and recorder program there. The Department of Human Services agreed enthusiastically to continue its on-site responsibility for coordination as well as to provide printing costs for a brochure.

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Current Program

The program currently serves approximately 35 recorder and guitar students at the Fletcher School. Full capacity is 37. Students are charged \$15 per 10 week session. According to the budget for the program prepared by the Folk Arts Network the total cost per student per 10 week session, exclusive of guitar costs (donated by Johnson Strings) and printing costs (donated by the City of Cambridge) is \$84.50. The program has already received a \$500 grant from the Lotus Foundation. The request from the Community Music program for city support of \$8000 would represent a subsidy of approximately \$275 per child per year since most children participate continuously.

Information about other music programs offered through Community Schools may be helpful in putting these numbers into perspective.

Longfellow	Piano	\$20.00 per 10 wk. session
Morse	Guitar	\$ 8.00 per hour
Peabody	Piano	\$35.00 per 10 wk. session
	Guitar	\$25.00 per 10 wk. session
	Recorder	\$25.00 per 10 wk. session
Tobin	Piano	\$35.00 per 10 wk. session

All of these programs are self-supporting, that is the fees support the instructor, while space and all the necessary support services are provided through the Community School program as they are at the Fletcher on behalf of the Community Music program. The Tobin Council does provide instruction books for its classes at no cost.

The value of music programs for all children, particularly for those bilingual children who are working so hard to acquire new language skills or for those who may not experience a high degree of success in academic settings, is indisputable. The only outstanding question is whether the proportion of subsidy per student for this single program is appropriate in relation to other programs offered.



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(Original Order No. 13)

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 25, 1985

COUNCILLOR VELLUCCI

ORDERED: That it is the sense of this City Council that the City Manager appropriate \$8,000. for the Community Music Outreach Program from City tax money, Community Block Grant or any fund available within the City of Cambridge.



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(Amended Order No. 13)

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 25, 1985

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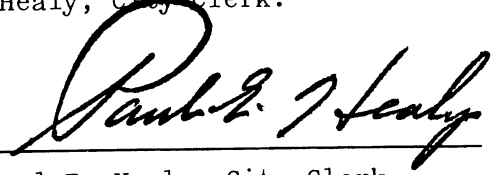
- ORDERED: That it is the sense of this City Council that the City Manager appropriate \$8,000. for the Community Music Outreach Program from City tax money, Community Block Grant or any fund available within the City of Cambridge; and be it further
- ORDERED: That a sliding fee scale be implemented for participants in the "Community Music Outreach Program" under the auspices of the Department of Human Services; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the current budget of the Music Outreach Program to determine if in fact additional money is needed.

In City Council November 25, 1985.
Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of
7 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

Order #13

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C. Vellucci order re: that it is the sense of the Council that the City Manager appropriate \$8,000. for the Community Music Outreach Program from any available fund within the City & that a sliding fee scale be implemented by the Program under the auspices of the Human Services Dept. & that the current budget of the program be reviewed to determine if more money is needed.

In City Council,

November 25, 1985

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Order Adopted

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