



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To John H. Corcoran, City Manager

Date May 21, 1973

From Robert J. Le Blanc, Acting Director of
Budget-Personnel Department
Subject Chairman, Cambridge Ancillary
Manpower Planning Board

Reference Fiscal Year 1974
Comprehensive Manpower Plan
Total Grant Authorization
(\$1,003,373)

It is my pleasure to present to you for your approval and transmission to the City Council the Comprehensive Manpower Plan for the period beginning July 1, 1973 and ending June 30, 1974. This plan, which represents eight months of concentrated team work by members of the Cambridge, A.M.P.B., offers an opportunity to the people of Cambridge, Somerville, Arlington, Watertown and Belmont to increase their skills and their income potential.

This plan, which will be consolidated into the plan for the Commonwealth, represents an increase in funding for our city, and its region of almost (\$800,000). In Fiscal Year 73 we received for M.D.T.A. and N.Y.C. Programs (exclusive of N.Y.C. Summer Jobs) appointed (\$243,000), while for fiscal year 1974 under Manpower Revenue Sharing we will receive (\$1,003,373.00).

Faced with a justifiable increase in funding, yet restricted by the Department of Labor to only two categorical program areas, the A.M.P.B. sought to develop, within those restrictions, a comprehensive manpower program for citizens of all ages.

Under provisions of the Manpower Development Training Act the A.M.P.B. increased present funding levels from (\$42,300) to (\$165,599) for individual training referrals, and created funding allocations for a new M.D.T.A./JOPS Program budgeted at (\$235,750). These two program totaling (\$401,359) will provide both skill and on-the-job training opportunities to approximately two hundred (200) residents of the area. These M.D.T.A. Programs will be administered under contract with the Division of Employment Security in Cambridge and all enrollees shall be selected according to guidelines established by Federal Law including the Civil Rights Act of 1965 as amended.

The second category of funding, which has been programmed is under the Equal Opportunities Act commonly known programatically as the Neighborhood Youth Corp Program.

Fiscal Year 1974 will see a general increase in funding of N.Y.C. from (\$158,270) (excluding N.Y.C. Summer) to (\$601,800). This allocation increases the allocation for N.Y.C. In-School and N.Y.C. Out-of-School Programs and creates two new programs: N.Y.C./VEPS and the Operation Mainstream Program both of which will total (\$220,200) and provide services to over initially 100 enrollees.

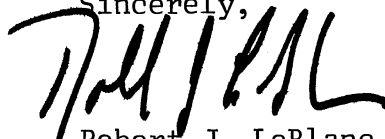
The key factors in all of these programs is the provision of manpower services to residents ages 14 to 55 and over, which will be further enhanced by the coordination between program, insured not only on paper, but on definite program linkages, which will provide the maximum opportunity for enrollees to secure employment. These programs will operated in Somerville under contract with the East Middlesex Opportunity Council and in Cambridge, Arlington, Watertown and Belmont by C.E.O.C.

Obviously, in these two program areas Cambridge will benefit proportionately from our new partnership with our sister communities in an interesting exercise in intergovernmental relations. The delivery of equitable and substantial services within the context of a comprehensive manpower system by its very nature must encompass the activities of the whole spectrum of public and private resources. Manpower developed programs must be a key component of an overall viable economic developed program. Manpower programs must be closely related with economic development activities to provide a flexible response to the needs of expanding or relocating business.

The public and private educational system has the major responsibility to provide the academic technical and vocational training opportunities necessary to prepare our citizens for meaningful employment and a continuous retraining system for adults through expanded occupational and adult basic education activities.

In the coming year of implementation of the Fiscal Year 1974 Plan the Cambridge A.M.P.B. will be reaching out to tap all available resources to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,



Robert J. LeBlanc
Acting Director,
Budget-Personnel Dept.
Chairman of A.M.P.B.

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Subject N.Y.C. Summer Jobs

As I reported to you in an analysis of current and anticipated summer job opportunities, one of the most significant resources is the Neighborhood Youth Corps.

On May 3, 1973 the Congressional House Committee on Appropriations reported the FY73 Second Supplemented Budget. Up until that time most manpower coordinators, especially since our Washington briefing last March, believed that it was essential that N.Y.C.--Summer funds be inserted in this supplemental appropriation.

However, in the intervening months the President requested a "recision" of funds amounting to \$256 million which apparently had been impounded last summer from N.Y.C. It appears that up until the time that request was made, Congress was not aware of these funds, and indeed last March the Assistant Secretary of Labor in his briefing did not indicate the existence of these funds.

Therefore, the House Committee on Appropriations decided to refuse to rescind the \$256 million and voted that the funds be released by the President.

It appears that at this time two actions are advisable:

1. Request the City Council to endorse the release of the \$256 million by the President and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget; and

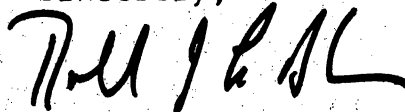
2. Request the City Council to endorse the efforts of Senator Javits as supported by Senators Kennedy and Brooke to institute a FY74 budget allocation for N.Y.C.--Summer programs at levels equivalent to the demand indicated by a study of the National League of Cities.

At its last meeting the Cambridge Ancillary Manpower Planning Board representing, Cambridge - Somerville - Arlington - Watertown and Belmont endorsed this course of action.

In my opinion it is vital that pressure be exerted on the President and O.M.B. to release these funds. In a tight money market, with inordinately high unemployment it is crucial that we provide both educational and work experience to as many young citizens as possible. Release of these funds would contribute to this goal by allocating at least \$237,586.00 or five hundred - sixty three (563) jobs for youth, 14-22.

As both Chairman of the Cambridge Ancillary Manpower Planning Board and Acting Director of Budget-Personnel, I recommend and encourage action on these issues by you and the City Council.

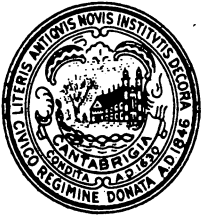
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JOHN H. CORCORAN
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May 21, 1973

To the Honorable, the City Council,

I transmit herewith self-explanatory communication from Robert J. LeBlanc, Acting Director of Budget-Personnel Department and also serving as Chairman to the Cambridge Ancillary Manpower Planning Board, relative to the Fiscal Year 1974 Comprehensive Manpower Plan Total Grant Authorization (\$1,003,373).

Yours truly,

John H. Corcoran
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