

The Cambridge Food Pantry Network/C.E.O.C.

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March 11, 1993

Members of the Cambridge City Council
Cambridge Hunger Committee
City Manager
Assistant City Manager for Human Services

CITY CLERK ✓

RE: SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOCATION FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TO
FEED THE HUNGRY

I am taking this opportunity to let the City Council and the City Manager know that there will be a shortfall of approximately \$30,000 in this fiscal year's fund to feed the hungry.

Therefore, I am requesting that the City Council and the City Manager approve an additional \$30,000 to feed the hungry through food pantries, meal programs and shelters for this fiscal year.

In October, CEOC estimated that there was a need for approximately \$8000 a month to provide a safety net to feed the hungry in Cambridge. At that time, the city appropriated \$57,750 to feed the hungry for nine months (through June 30, 1993). The estimated need at that time was \$72,000.

Since that time some programs have experienced a marked increase in demand (Council on Aging pantry, St. James Pantry, Haitian American Cultural Center), some programs have indicated a funding shortfall that needed to be met (Salvation Army), and donations were lower than expected (loss of Continental Cable revenue from the cancelled telethon).

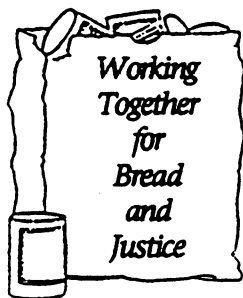
Therefore, the original estimated funding shortfall of approximately \$15,000 grew by an additional \$15,000 over the nine month period.

We are currently working with the staff of human services to estimate the need for the next fiscal year and have requested a meeting with Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services, to have final input into next year's allocation.

Thank you for your continued support. I and other members of the anti-hunger community would be happy to meet with you as needed.

Sincerely,

Gerald Bergman, Coordinator



- Empower people in need
- Advocate for new laws and regulations that will help hungry people
- Expand public awareness of hunger and its root causes
- Feed the hungry

Consent Comm. # 15 S-121

Comm. from Gerald Bergman, CEOC, requesting
a supplemental allocation for the current
fiscal year to feed the hungry.

In City Council,

March 15, 1993

*Referred to the
City Managers
for a report
in 2 weeks
Copy sent to City Mgr.
3/17/93 RW*