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To Robert Healy, City Manager

Date February 11, 1983

From Charles Sullivan, Historical Commission **Reference**

Subject Preservation Grants

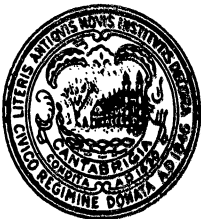
The Commission's Preservation Grants (PG) program is Community Development Block Grant funded and operates in conjunction with the City's housing rehabilitation program. Eligibility for applicants is the same as for all housing program participants, and all applicants are screened and approved by Homeowner's Rehab, Inc, Riverside-Cambridgeport Community Corporation, Just-A-Start, or the 312 Program. PG recipients must be eligible for one of these other programs, and almost all also receive some assistance from one of them. Once the owner has been determined eligible by reason of income and length of residence, the Commission reviews the appearance of the building and decides whether its integrity can be sufficiently restored. All types of buildings, from three-deckers to 18th century houses, have received grants.

The program has been budgeted at \$40,000 a year since Year 2 (FY 1977), and has made 123 grants in that time. Home Improvement Program applicants receive up to \$1,500 and Work Equity projects operated by agencies can get up to \$5,000. Only the latter projects are required to provide the preservation agreements which the City Council has been acting on recently.

Intake is handled both by the Commission and the agencies. About one-third of the recipients approached us first either in response to our publicity or by word-of-mouth. The balance are referred by the rehabilitation agencies. Brochures are available here and at public library branches, and the Chronicle occasionally runs an article for us.

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ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

February 14, 1983

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to the City Council's question as to how Historical Preservation Grants function, enclosed is a summary of how this program works from Charles Sullivan, Executive Director of the Historical Commission.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Enc.

Agenda Item Number Ten

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Re: summary of how Historical Preservation
Grants function.

In City Council,

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