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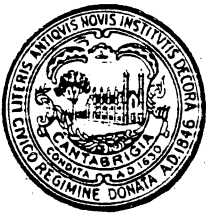
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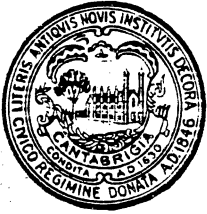
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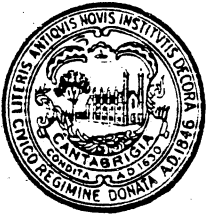
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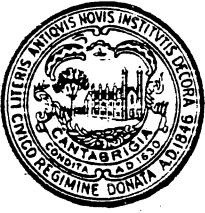
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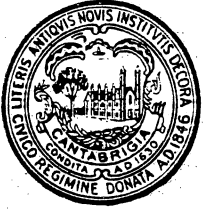
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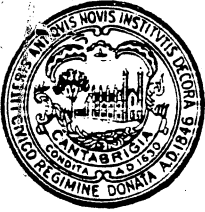
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On January 26, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) advised us by telephone that the final "Entitlement" allocations for the Year Eight Block Grant Program have now been released by HUD's Washington Office, and that the City of Cambridge will receive \$3,347,000. This final figure provides an additional \$247,000 over the \$3.1 million we had been advised to use for budgeting purposes--pending completion of HUD's "growth-lag" calculations and the processing of other recently-developed information into the distribution formula.

At our January 20 public hearing on the City Manager's recommended allocation of Year Eight Block Grant funds to specific project activities, we stated that any additional funds assigned to the City of Cambridge by HUD would be added to the City Manager's slender (\$27,000) Contingency allocation. However, we did not anticipate so large an increase to HUD's \$3.1 million working figure. Consequently the City Manager is now recommending that the additional funds be allocated to Contingency and three other activities, as outlined below.

- SPECIAL NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION FUND: An allocation of an additional \$35,000 to the East Cambridge Stabilization Program and an additional \$35,000 to the North Cambridge Stabilization Program--Thus bringing each of these two programs to the \$250,000 level of previous years.
- STREETS/SIDEWALKS/TREES PROGRAM: An allocation of an additional \$30,000, thus bringing this program budget back to its standard \$300,000 level.
- HUMAN SERVICES: An allocation of an additional \$25,000, thus bringing this program's budget to \$335,000, or 10% of the City's total grant.
- CONTINGENCY: An allocation of an additional \$122,000, thus giving us a total of \$149,000 for contingency purposes--or less than half the normal "10% of total" figure.

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We are pleased that this substantial increase in the City's Year Eight funding has made possible a restoration of the two Stabilization Program budgets to the \$250,000 level, and, additionally, that the increase makes possible a larger Human Services Program. Further, in response to a well-regarded proposal by a resident of Neighborhood Four, I am requesting our Energy Conservation staff to develop alternatives for providing, at wholesale cost, home-weatherization kits to residents of Cambridge who meet HUD's income-eligibility standards but do not qualify for the kits now available, at no cost, to Cambridge residents meeting Fuel Assistance income standards. If a practical alternative can be developed for expanding the use of home-weatherization kits into this large additional sector of Cambridge residents, we will give it high priority for assignment of available funds during Year Eight.

I am attaching a revised draft of the City Manager's Year Eight recommendations--reflecting the \$247,000 increase discussed above. Should you have comments to make on this recommendation, please contact our Block Grant Director, by letter or telephone, before Friday, February 12. We hope to put the Year Eight application in final form on February 12 and submit it to HUD on February 15.

As stated in the City Manager's Letter of January 13 to the Block Grant Advisory Committee, we have used the City's Community Development Objectives from our Year Five Application as a basis for the current recommended program. These objectives were developed by members of the Block Grant Advisory Committee and the City staff, working together during the Year Five application process, and were later submitted to HUD and approved as part of the City's Three Year Plan. We now intend to resubmit this 7-page document as our current statement of the City's Community Development Objectives--in response to HUD's new requirement that such a statement be submitted with annual applications. Members of the Advisory Committee wishing to comment on this proposed submittal and not having a copy available should contact Elaine Thorne, Block Grant Compliance Officer, at 498-9034. Comments on the statement of objectives should be communicated to the Block Grant Director by February 12.

In order to comply with HUD's Block Grant regulations, we are placing an advertisement in the February 4 edition of the Cambridge Chronicle as to the availability of this memorandum to the Advisory Committee on the \$247,000 increase in Year Eight funding.

cc: Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

Attachment

CITY MANAGER'S SECOND DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS  
CAMBRIDGE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM - YEAR EIGHT (FY '82-'83) APPLICATION

Note to Block Grant Advisory Committee: The second draft recommendations presented below are discussed in David Vickery's memorandum of January 28, 1982 to the Block Grant Advisory Committee. As noted in the memorandum, we have received \$247,000 more from HUD than we had been told to anticipate.

	Year 8*	(Year 7)*
1. <u>HOUSING REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT</u> -----	\$1,344	(\$1,492)
A. Housing Development/Public and Private	\$450	(500)
B. Home Improvement Program	<u>\$385</u>	(464)
- Homeowners Rehab, Inc.	\$135	(159)
- Just-A-Start Corporation	\$135	(190)
- Riverside/Cambridgeport--(RCCC)	<u>\$115</u>	(115)
C. Just-A-Start Rehab Assistance	\$160	(190)
D. Multi-Fam-Rehab-Assist-Prog/Sec.312	\$ 82	(125)
E. Homeowners Rehab Inc. Work Equity	\$ 80	( 96)
F. RCCC Weatherization	\$ 70	( 0)
G. RCCC Neighborhood Improvement Program	\$ 50	( 50)
H. Historic Preservation	\$ 40	( 40)
I. Just-A-Start Deleading Program	<u>\$ 27</u>	( 27)
2. <u>OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT</u> -----	-0-	-0-
3. <u>OPEN SPACE RENOVATION</u> (\$100,000-Haggerty; ----- \$20,000-Dana; \$20,000-Permanent Arts Improvements Program; \$10,000-DPW Administration)	\$ 150	(250)
4. <u>STREETS/SIDEWALKS/TREES PROGRAM**</u> -----	\$ 300	(300)
5. <u>SPECIAL NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION FUND **</u> -----	\$ 500	(500)
A. East Cambridge Stabilization Program	\$250.	(250)
B. North Cambridge Stabilization Program	\$250	(250)
6. <u>ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS REMOVAL</u> -----	-0-	(94)
7. <u>NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES</u> -----	-0-	-0-
8. <u>BUSINESS DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS</u> -----	-0-	(50)
9. <u>HUMAN SERVICES**</u> -----	\$ 335	(258)
10. <u>PROGRAM MANAGEMENT</u> -----	\$ 258	(283)
11. <u>PROJECT EXECUTION</u> -----	\$ 125	(133)
12. <u>PLANNING</u> -----	\$ 129	(112)
13. <u>INDIRECT COST CHARGES</u> (Staff Health Insurance)-----	\$ 57	-0-
14. <u>CONTINGENCY**</u> -----	<u>\$ 149</u>	<u>(\$ (290)</u>
YEAR #8 CDBG TOTAL-----	\$3,347	(\$3,762)

\* All dollar figures are in \$1,000. Also for comparison purposes, Year Seven figures are given in parentheses.

\*\*Please see text of accompanying memorandum for additional information on these line items.

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Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, trans.  
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In City Council,

February 1, 1982

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