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**To** Block Grant Advisory Committee

**From** Kathy A. Spiegelman, Acting Assistant City Manager for Community Development **Date** May 19, 1982

**Subject** Final Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds - Block Grant Year 8 (FY'82-'83)

As required by Title I, Section 104(a), of the Federal Government's Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 As Amended, I am enclosing a copy of the City's Final Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds for Block Grant Year #8 (FY'82-'83).

This statement was submitted to the public for review and comment in the Cambridge Chronicle of April 22, 1982. No negative comments were received.

Attachment

cc: Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

FINAL STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES  
AND PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS - BLOCK GRANT YEAR #8  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES - Since the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program as established by the Congress is structured to principally benefit persons of low and moderate income, the five Cambridge community development objectives outlined below are focused on the problems and interests of the low and moderate income sector of Cambridge--55% of all families per most recent figures available. The proposed statement is a summary of a 7-page statement approved by the Block Grant Advisory Committee and the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1979. Copies are available at the Community Development Department.

- OBJECTIVE #1 -- STABILIZE THE CITY'S POPULATION - Preserve diversity of population Cambridge now enjoys--Preserve place for low- and moderate-income families, as well as make Cambridge attractive living environment for middle to upper income families---Focus on loss of families, a loss which continues to undermine social stability of Cambridge community---Seek to enhance City as family environment, i.e. supportive living framework for families that includes whole range of physical, social and economic underpinnings--- In particular, work to stabilize City's population through progress toward four related objectives listed below.
- OBJECTIVE #2 -- ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF THE CITY'S PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT - For City's low- and moderate-income families, principal need is greatly expanded supply of affordable, decent housing---Also needed: greater availability of good recreation facilities; good neighborhood service buildings; good transportation facilities, including serviceable streets and sidewalks; good neighborhood commercial areas; and pleasant neighborhood environment with abundance of trees and large measure of freedom from heavy traffic.
- OBJECTIVE #3 -- PRESERVE CITY'S DIVERSIFIED EMPLOYMENT BASE - City's extremely diversified employment base plays important, positive role in maintaining City's social, economic and fiscal health---Provides variety of jobs for City's diverse population---Cushions City against fluctuations in regional and national economies---Adds to the vitality and variety which are uniquely Cambridge---But exodus of manufacturing and its blue collar jobs, together with growth of mostly white collar and professional jobs, requires continuing commitment on part of City government to active economic development effort, with strong focus on blue collar jobs.
- OBJECTIVE #4 -- IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PUBLIC SERVICES - Quality of public services, such as education, recreation, public health and safety, probably principal determinant of how "liveable" a city is-- but families, especially with children, are even more dependent on public services than most population groups---Also, in old cities like Cambridge, continuous effort and monies must be expended to modernize public facilities that support public services---And City

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must strengthen its involvement with direct and indirect provision of broad range of specialized human services, principally to residents of low and moderate income---Health services, family life counseling, child care, employment services, elderly services all crucial to day-to-day survival of many disadvantaged persons---Such services also contribute greatly to dignified, healthful and enjoyable existence for many among City's low- and moderate-income population.

- OBJECTIVE #5 -- STRENGTHEN THE CITY'S FISCAL BASE - Extent and quality of services and facilities City provides are in large part dependent on City's fiscal base---While it has relatively strong tax base, City has been subject to many fiscal pressures, including escalating costs, slow growth of tax base, shrinking state and federal aid--- Also, City carries burden of extensive private, tax exempt property--- Effort to increase City's financial resources must be three-pronged: (1) tax structure must be broadened to reduce reliance on property tax; (2) City's real estate tax base must be strengthened by sensible and desirable commercial development; (3) burden of tax exempt property on the City must be lessened.

STATEMENT OF PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS--BLOCK GRANT YEAR #8 (FY82-83)

Projected use of the City's \$3,347,000 Community Development Block Grant funding for year beginning July 1, 1982 is given below. All dollar figures are in \$1,000. Also, for comparison purposes, Year Seven (current year) figures are given in parentheses. A memorandum of January 13, 1982 from the City Manager, and a subsequent memorandum (January 28, 1982) from the Assistant City Manager for Community Development, explain the thinking behind the allocations. These two memoranda are available to the public on request (telephone Block Grant Director, 498-9034 8:30 am-5:00 pm, Mon-Fri).

		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)
0. <u>PROGRAM MANAGEMENT</u> -----		\$ 258	(283)
1. <u>PROJECT EXECUTION</u> -----		\$ 125	(133)
2. <u>PLANNING</u> -----		\$ 129	(112)
3. <u>INDIRECT COST CHARGES</u> (Staff Health Insurance)-----		\$ 57	-0-
4. <u>CONTINGENCY**</u> -----		<u>\$ 149</u>	<u>(\$ (290)</u>
		YEAR #8 CDBG TOTAL-----	\$3,347 (\$3,762)

Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting comm. from Kathy A. Spiegelman, Acting Asst. City Mgr. for Community Development Re: Final Statement of Community Development Objectives & Projected Use Funds for FY 1982-83.

In City Council,

May 24, 1982

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