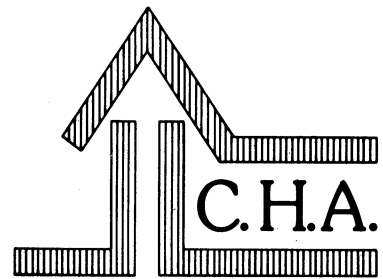


CAMBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY



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January 5, 1981

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

The following is a status report on the Cambridge Housing Authority's progress regarding the recent award of \$3,450,000 from the Commonwealth to develop approximately 50 units of elderly housing and 20 units of family housing. This status report is intended to answer your request as stipulated by City Council Order of December 15, 1980.

In the Fall of last year the Housing Authority prepared a proposal to the Commonwealth in close conjunction with the City's Community Development Department for additional elderly and family units from that provider. In early December the C.H.A. was advised of the award in the amount of \$3,450,000 for approximately 50 units of elderly and 20 units of family housing. (A copy of the correspondence from Byron Matthews, Secretary of E.O.C.D., announcing this award is attached.) As stipulated in the letter of award from E.O.C.D., presumably a portion of this award is contingent upon the receipt of federal UDAG funds, specifically for the Mass. Avenue site in North Cambridge.

Over the past several months, the C.H.A. has been meeting with an expanded Elderly Advisory Committee which includes representation from the Council on Aging, the Committee of Elders, the City's Community Development Department, elderly tenants of public housing, and professionals in the elderly housing field. This Committee and C.H.A. staff are currently in the process of considering possible sites in addition to the aforementioned Mass. Avenue site in a preliminary fashion. When the Housing Authority has received the Contract for Financial Assistance as outlined in Secretary Matthew's letter, we will designate a design architect whose responsibilities will include specific site selection and appropriate follow-through. I anticipate that this process will begin in the month of February.

I hope that this answers your request and that of the City Council.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Wunschel
Executive Director

DJW/mbh
Attachments



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**Executive Office of
Communities and Development**

Office of the Secretary

100 Cambridge Street Room 1404 Boston, Massachusetts 02202 (617) 727-7765

Edward J. King, Governor
Byron J. Matthews, Secretary

December 1, 1980

Mr. James Stockard, Chairman
Cambridge Housing Authority
270 Green Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

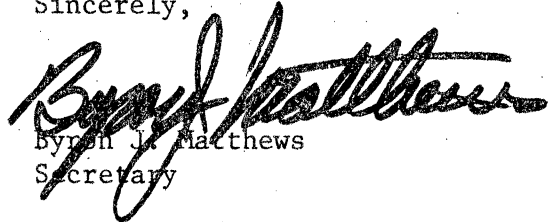
Dear Mr. Stockard:

I am very pleased to inform you that the Executive Office of Communities and Development is awarding the Cambridge Housing Authority \$3,450,000 to develop approximately 50 units of elderly housing and 20 units of family housing. Statewide, under this round of funding, the Department is awarding \$48,000,000 to develop approximately 670 units of elderly and 310 units of family housing in 30 communities. Your award is for the development of the Massachusetts Avenue site for elderly housing, as well as for the development of other sites, and is contingent upon the award of federal UDAG funds.

I was most impressed with the overall quality of your proposal and your responsiveness to the selection criteria outlined in the Department's Request for Proposals. Of particular importance was your commitment to family housing, the local support you enlisted, and the management capacity of your housing authority. This award should be of substantial assistance in alleviating the shortage of affordable housing for both low-income families and elderly in Cambridge.

Since this award is being made contingent upon your fulfilling certain specific commitments and requirements, you will shortly be receiving a Contract for Financial Assistance and a letter outlining your obligations under this award. Meanwhile, I extend my congratulations and those of Governor King, and express the hope that the Executive Office of Communities and Development and your Authority will be working together successfully in the coming months to provide better housing in Cambridge.

Sincerely,


Byron J. Matthews
Secretary

BJM/msf

cc: Mr. James Sullivan, City Manager
Senator Michael LoPresti
Senator Francis McCann
Representative Saundra Graham
Representative Michael Lombardi
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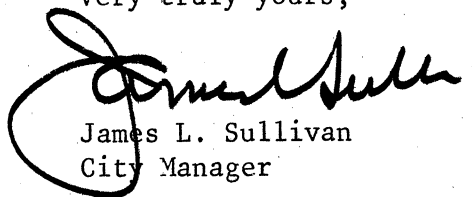
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

January 5, 1981

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 27 relative to the status of the site selection of the development of several units of elderly and family housing, enclosed please find copy of a report from Daniel J. Wuenschel, Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Enc.

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Awaiting Report Item No. 27 re: site selection of units of elderly and family housing.

In City Council,

January 5, 1981

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