

# City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council March 1 1976

Agenda #3 Re: to a proposed resolution  
authorizing the City Manager to file a 2nd year  
Block Grant application on or before March 10, 1976.

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mrs. Ackermann	✓			
Mr. Clem	✓			
Mr. Clinton	✓			
Mr. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Duehay	✓			
Mrs. Graham	✓			
Mr. Russell	✓			
Mr. Sullivan	✓			
Mayor Vellucci	✓			

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# City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 1, 1976

WHEREAS:

On February 10, 1975, the City Council adopted by an 8 to 1 vote a three and one-half page resolution to accomplish the following:

1. direct that a Block Grant application be filed for funding under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974;
2. direct that the City Manager, or the Assistant City Manager for Community Development, file said application, make amendments as required, and execute related contracts; and
3. direct that the Federal Government be notified that Cambridge will comply with all Block Grant Program assurances and understandings required by law and administrative regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE:

That said resolution adopted by the City Council on February 10, 1975, and attached hereto, be herewith extended to cover the filing of an application for Federal Block Grant entitlement funds available to Cambridge in Fiscal Year 1977 as provided by the U. S. Housing and Community Development Act of 1974;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE:

That said application be filed with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on or before March 10, 1976 for the required 30-day "A-95 Review", and with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or before April 16, 1976 for the required 75-day HUD review.

In City Council March 1, 1976  
 Adopted by yeas and nays Vote  
 Yeas 9 Nays 1 Absent 0  
Paul E. Fisher  
 CITY CLERK City Office

ERRATA AND NON SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO BE INCORPORATED INTO APPLICATION AS A RESULT OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE AT 2/24/76 and 2/25/76 PUBLIC HEARINGS.

1. Page II lines 1 and 2 should read:

Complicating these quality-of-life problems is the fact that Cambridge is in a state of transition.

2. Page II lines 4 and 5 should read:

.....by an escalating tax rate, speculative real estate transactions, and by the immigration of .....

3. Page 9, Section A-14, line 1 should read:

With nearly the lowest median income among the 100 Boston Metropolitan.....

4. Page 9, Section A-14, line 12 should read:

.....including Areas 3 and 4, North.....

5. Page 28, Section F-4 (10) HOUSING REHABILITATION AND CONSERVATION PROGRAM  
HOMEOWNERS REHAB INC. add:

(City-wide and target program for North Cambridge\*)

\* Operating Agency for North Cambridge shall be subject to Community review and recommendations as made through the City's Department of Community Development.

6. Page 28, Section F-4 (10) HOUSING REHABILITATION AND CONSERVATION PROGRAM should read:

CITY-WIDE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT  
(Just-A-Start) (143.3)

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT: JUST-A-START  
(Summer and School Year) ( 93)

7. Page 33,

I3A9: To column 5b (Subsequent Program Year) add 5

I3A10: To column 5b (Subsequent Program Year) add 15

I3A11: To column 5b (Subsequent Program Year) add 10

8. Page 35, Program Contingency, Line 15 should read:  

.....activities, such as publicly-owned neighborhood facilities development deemed feasible by Block Grant sponsored planning operations, or necessary for program.....
9. Page 40,  

To the MEMBERSHIP LIST add:  
Cambridge Historical Commission
10. Page 45, Table III ANNUAL GOAL FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE is substituted in its entirety by the attached form which is reflective of a policy communication from HUD reviewed by Cambridge on February 4, 1976.
11. Page 46, Item B, Paragraph 2; lines 1 and 2 should read:  

In view of the scarcity and high cost of land in mid-Cambridge and the western part of Cambridge, it is unlikely that any substantial number of.....

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN

TABLE III - ANNUAL GOAL FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE

1. NAME OF APPLICANT  City of Cambridge		2. APPLICATION NUMBER			3. <input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT			
		4. PROGRAM YEAR From: 1976 To: 1977						
A. CATEGORY	NUMBERS OF UNITS (except as noted)							
	TOTAL	FIRST YEAR GOAL			TOTAL	THREE YEAR GOAL* †		
		Types of Units	Types of Units	Types of Units		Types of Units	Types of Units	Types of Units
		New	Exist	Rehab.		New	Exist	Rehab.
1. TOTAL	1533	100	1281	152	4599	300	3843	456
2. ELDERLY	342	15	300	27	1026	45	900	81
3. NON-ELDERLY LARGE	244	35	187	22	732	105	561	66
4. OTHER	947	50	794	103	2841	150	2382	309
B. SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE								
1. HUD								
a. SECTION 8**								
	794	100	625	69	2382	300	1875	207
AMOUNT								
	\$2,575,912	474,180	1,815,132	236,600	7,727,736	1,422,540	5,445,396	359,800
b. CD BLOCK GRANTS								
	739		650	89	2217		1968	249
c. OTHER								
2. STATE AGENCIES IDENTIFY PROGRAM:								
a.								
b.								
c.								
3. OTHER								
a. FARMERS HOME AD.								
b. LOCAL PROGRAMS								
c. OTHER (specify)								

C. EXPLANATION OF PRIORITIES

- In view of uncertain economic conditions for new construction in general and, even more important, the deteriorating condition of the existing stock in Cambridge, emphasis in this Housing Assistance Plan is placed on the rehabilitation of existing stock. To insure minimal and, if possible, no relocation of families, Section 8 and other Leasing Programs will be used whenever possible.
  - Last year's (1975-76) HAP initially requested an allotment of 451 Section 8 units which was cut back to 153 units due to a reduction of funds assigned to Cambridge under the Fairshare Measurement of needs for this geographic area. Despite this substantially reduced allotment, Cambridge did not receive any Section 8 units during the past year. We are therefore requesting units, not only to make up for last year's lost units, but also a substantial number of units to make a start toward meeting the documented need for assistance to lower income families and the elderly.
  - Based on Fair Market Rents, Federal Register, March 31, 1975 and February 12, 1976, and HUD Formula For Elderly And Family - Elevator/Non-elevator Units.
  - Based on 1975 dollars.
- \* Optional: derived from first year goal.

\* Optional  
\*\* Excludes any State agency amounts included

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 20, 1975  
February 10, 1975

WHEREAS:

Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (hereinafter called the Act) provides for the making of grants by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereinafter called the Department) to states and units of general local government for the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS:

The City of Cambridge (herein sometimes referred to as the Applicant) desires to develop such viable urban communities through the formulation and implementation of a Community Development Program throughout the city, but particularly in areas in which persons of low and moderate income reside; and

WHEREAS:

It is recognized that, in applying for a grant under the Act, the Applicant undertakes certain assurances, understandings, obligations and responsibilities including, but not limited to, the following:

1. It will comply with:

(a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) such that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance, and that if any real property or structure thereon is provided or improved with the aid of Federal financial assistance extended to the Applicant, this assurance shall obligate the Applicant or in the case of any transfer of such property, any transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits.

(b) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, (P.L. 90-284) as amended, and will administer all programs and activities

relating to housing and community development in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing.

(c) Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and in conformance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulations of the Department (24 CFR Part 570.601) issued pursuant to that Section.

(d) Executive Order 11063 on equal opportunity in housing.

(e) Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended requiring that to the greatest extent feasible opportunities for training and employment be given lower income residents of the project area and contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to eligible business concerns which are located in, or owned in substantial part by, persons residing in the area of the project.

2. Prior to the submission of its application, the Applicant has held two public hearings to obtain the views of citizens on community development and housing needs, at which the Applicant has provided citizens with adequate information concerning the amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities, the range of activities that may be undertaken, and other important program requirements, and through which the Applicant has provided citizens an opportunity to participate in the development of the application and in the development of any revisions or changes.

3. The Applicant will:

(a) Provide fair and reasonable relocation payments, assistance and services in accordance with Sections 202, 203, 204 and 205, of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (P. L. 91-846) and applicable Department regulations, to or for families, individuals, partnerships, corporations or associations displaced as a result of any acquisition of real property assisted under the program;

(b) Inform affected persons of the benefits, policies, and procedures provided for under Department regulations; and

(c) Carry out the relocation process in such a manner as to provide displaced persons with uniform and consistent services, and assure that replacement housing will be available in the same range of choices with respect to such housing to all displaced persons regardless of race, color, religion, or national origin.

4. The Applicant will:

(a) In acquiring real property in connection with the community development block grant program, be guided to the extent permitted under State law, by the real property acquisition policies set out under Section 301 of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act and the provisions of Section 302 thereof;

(b) Pay or reimburse property owners for necessary expenses as specified in Sections 303 and 304 of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act; and

(c) Inform affected persons of the benefits, policies, and procedures provided for under Department regulations.

5. It will give the Department and the Comptroller General through any authorized representative access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the grant.

6. The Applicant will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act which limit the political activity of employees.

7. It will comply with the provisions of: Executive Order 11296, relating to evaluation of flood hazards, and Executive Order 11128, relating to the prevention, control, and abatement of water pollution.

8. The City Manager:

(a) Is directed to assume the status of a responsible Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 insofar as the provisions of such act apply pursuant to this Part; and

(b) Is authorized and directed on behalf of the Applicant and himself to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the purpose of enforcement of his responsibilities as such an official.

9. The Community Development program:

Gives maximum feasible priority to activities which will benefit low or moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.

10. The Applicant will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or



## CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139  
Tel. 876-6800

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
JAMES L. SULLIVAN  
City Manager

March 1, 1976

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Transmitted herewith for your review is a proposed resolution authorizing the City Manager to file a 2nd-year Block Grant application on or before March 10, 1976. The 2nd-year application is in the amount of \$3,758,000, as provided by the U. S. Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

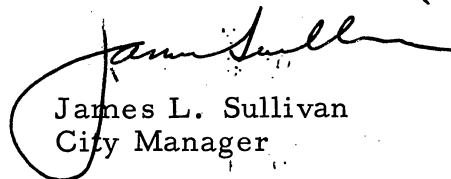
The proposed action by your Honorable Body would continue intact the City Council's resolution of February 10, 1975. The new resolution, which incorporates the Council's original authorization, has been reviewed and approved by Acting City Solicitor Russell B. Higley.

As discussed in my memorandum of February 20, 1976 to your Honorable Body, in which I transmitted the 2nd-year Block Grant application in preliminary draft form, we must file by March 10th in order to comply with the Federal timetable. We have been advised that failure to meet this deadline will result in automatic loss of the grant.

The draft application transmitted on February 20th for your review was discussed at public hearings on February 24th and 25th. Based on comments received, we are now making eleven (11) revisions, as listed in the attachment to this memorandum. None of these changes would alter the substance or the dollar amounts of the 47 work-items involved.

HUD has advised the City that new forms for the application will be issued during the time the present draft submission is under review by the State. Given that fact, printing of the final document will be held off until the new format is received. A copy of the application as it will be sent to HUD will be forwarded to individual Councillors at that time.

Very truly yours,

  
James L. Sullivan  
City Manager

JLS/mbf

Re: to a proposed resolution authorizing the City Manager to file a 2nd year Block Grant application on or before March 10, 1976.

In City Council,  
Mar. 1, 1976

3/1/76  
RESOLUTIONS

Approved -  
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JR for Reconsideration  
which failed  
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