



# City of Cambridge

Agenda Item Number Six (A)

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

December 19, 1983

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53A of the General Laws, the City hereby accepts a grant in the amount of \$14,221.00 to the Department of Human Services from the State Department of Elder Affairs.

In City Council December 19, 1983.  
Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-  
Yeas 7; Nays 0; Absent 2.  
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul E. Healy".

December 19, 1983

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER ROBERT W. HEALY

AN ORDER CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1983

ORDERED: That in addition to sums previously appropriated by the City Council for the fiscal period 1983-84 the following sum is hereby appropriated in the General Fund of the City of Cambridge:

FUNCTION	DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM	SALARIES & WAGES	TRAINING & TRAVEL	OTHER ORDINARY MAINTENANCE	EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES	APPROPRIATIONS
Human Resource Development	D. H. S. P.		\$900.00	\$13,321.00		\$14,221.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the above appropriations in the General Fund are to be financed by estimated revenues drawn from the following sources:

In City Council December 19, 1983.  
Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-  
Yeas 7; Nays 0; Absent 2.  
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



FINANCING PLAN

REVENUE

State Department of Elder Affairs Grant

\$14,221.00

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# City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council December 19, 1983

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER SIX (A)

RE: ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT OF \$14,221. FROM THE STATE DEPT. OF ELDER AFFAIRS

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Daniel J. Clinton	✓			
Mr. Thomas W. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Francis H. Duehay	✓			
Ms. Sandra Graham			✓	
Mr. Leonard J. Russell			✓	
Mr. David E. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Wylie	✓			
Mayor Vellucci	✓			

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# City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council December 19, 1983

AGENDAD ITEM NUMBER SIX (B)

RE: APPROPRIATION OF A GRANT OF\$14,221. TO THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPT.

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Daniel J. Clinton	✓			
Mr. Thomas W. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Francis H. Duehay	✓			
Ms. Sandra Graham			✓	
Mr. Leonard J. Russell			✓	
Mr. David E. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Wylie	✓			
Mayor Vellucci	✓			
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City of Cambridge

Department of Human Service Programs

51 Inman Street Cambridge Massachusetts 02139 498-9076

To Jill

Date: December 5, 1983

From Chris Sieber

Ref:

Subject Backup for Council on Aging  
DEA Formula Grant Budget

The Department of Human Services proposes to expend \$11,160 in 1984 Department of Elder Affairs Council on Aging Formula Grant monies to establish a shared housing program, \$1,200 to fund an innovative Polaroid photography class for nursing home residents and other disabled elders, and \$1,861 to provide training and materials for the Council's neighborhood-based outreach programs.

1/ Shared Housing Co-ordinator -- \$11,610 30 hrs/wk x 52 wks x 7.5 hrs.

The DHSP wishes to fund a 30 hour-per-week position to implement a shared-housing program. The DHSP Housing Assistance Program, which offers information, counseling, referral and advocacy to elders around housing issues, can verify that older people are being squeezed out of Cambridge by market forces: more displaced individuals are encountered every year, and every year a higher proportion are eventually settled outside the City. With no new public housing construction expected in Cambridge after 1984, creative devices for more intensive use of the local private housing stock--such as homesharing--cannot be neglected. The DHSP plans a flexible service which will match home owners with tenants, and potential "room-mates" with apartment space, under a variety of self-chosen agreements. The Cambridge home-sharing program will benefit from the experience of other citizen groups concerned with housing options, such as CLOE (Cambridge Living Options for Elders) and ECHO (Elderly Cooperative Housing Options), and will coordinate on a regional level with other metropolitan-area homesharing programs to promote the shared use of resources. The integration of home-sharing services with the Housing Assistance Program will enable the pre-existing HAP staff to assume operational responsibility for homesharing at the end of a year. By concentrating on focused recruitment of homeowners, the Cambridge program hopes to better the record of matches achieved by similar services in other areas. Ultimately, it will represent a significant expansion in the pool of affordable housing for elders.

2/ Polaroid Photography Class -- \$1,200 Instructor's Fee  
10 hrs/wk x 16 wks x \$15/hour

The DHSP wishes to spend \$1,200 in Formula Grant funds to offer an eight week Polaroid photography class to residents of three Cambridge nursing homes. The class provides an avenue for self-expression to persons

whose opportunities for creative activity are limited and who may have major physical or communication handicaps. As such, it can improve morale, increase involvement on the part of withdrawn residents and serve as an aid to resocialization. The DHSP has tested this program on a small scale with two local care facilities, and the positive reactions of individual residents and nursing home activity staff have encouraged its continuation. The model suggested here consists of two concurrent series of eight one-hour classes, held weekly. Each series will be attended by eight to ten nursing home residents and two or three activity staff persons, and will be taught by a professional photographer who has worked with the Department of Human Service Programs teaching photography to older people in and out of institutions, as well as to younger handicapped persons. The value of the class is enhanced by its ease of replication in nursing homes: The activity staff are taught how to use the camera and present the class material, and after the end of the course the Department of Human Service Programs can loan them cameras and provide film. The cameras used in the class are donated by the Polaroid Corporation, as is the film. The cost of the class is therefore limited to the photographer's teaching fee.

- 3/ Outreach and Publicity -- \$1,861 Trainer's Fee:  
30 hrs x \$30/hr = \$900  
Printing  
4 x 2,500 copies x .128/copy = \$961.

The publicity and outreach efforts of the Cambridge Council on Aging are aimed at informing elders of the range of services available to them, while identifying isolated persons and those in need of more active intervention. The DHSP proposes to spend \$961 to design and print informational brochures about Council on Aging programs for distribution at service centers, by mail and through neighborhood outreach workers. The Council's staff of neighborhood workers provides a sensitive mechanism for locating and assisting hard-to-reach elders in the community, through the use of local social networks. The training of this seven-member cadre of paraprofessional workers necessarily bears sharply on their effectiveness in person-to-person contacts, and the Council proposes to expend \$900 in Formula Grant monies to provide them with thirty hours of training in techniques for reaching socially isolated persons, crisis intervention and short-term peer counseling.



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139  
Tel. 498-9011

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ROBERT W. HEALY  
City Manager

December 19, 1983

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed are orders requesting the acceptance and appropriation of a grant from the State Department of Elder Affairs for \$14,221.00 to the Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$13,321.00) and the Travel and Training account (\$900.00). The funds will be used to support a shared housing project, a photography class, and neighborhood outreach training costs. (See attached memo)

Passage of the enclosed orders is recommended.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

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Agenda Item Number Six

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Re: acceptance and appropriation of a grant  
of \$14,221. to the Human Services Dept.

In City Council,

December 19, 1983

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*Two Orders Adopted*  
*Two Public Cases*  
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