

In City Council,

March 13, 1972

WHEREAS:-

The City of Cambridge has executed a Grant Agreement with the United States dated August 1, 1969 under which the United States agreed to assist the city in carrying out its comprehensive city demonstration program and certain projects and activities listed in the Grant Budget of the Grant Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council that:

The substantial changes in the undertakings listed below are hereby approved and set forth in greater detail in the material attached hereto and made a part hereof:

- I. Interim operation by the CDA of the Special Activities Project
- II. Interim operation by the CDA of the Community Learning Center Project.

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Adopted by ye and nay Vote
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Paul E. Healy
City Clerk

Resolution - Approving changes in Comprehensive Demonstration Program
of Model Cities

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

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	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	
Mr. Clinton	✓			
Mr. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Duehay			✓	
Mrs. Graham	✓			
Mr. Moncreiff	✓			
Mr. Owens	✓			
Mr. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Vellucci	✓			
Mayor Ackermann	✓			
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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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STATEMENT BY JAMES FARRELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CAMBRIDGE MODEL CITIES ADMINISTRATION, TO THE CITY COUNCIL, REGARDING A RESOLUTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT BY THE CITY APPROVING AMENDED CHANGES IN ITS COMPREHENSIVE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

As set forth in HUD guidelines, CDA's are generally required to establish operating agency arrangements for purposes of administering projects or activities which comprise the Comprehensive Demonstration Program. The intended purpose is to encourage greater involvement and responsibility on the part of MNA public and private agencies in ensuring that the Program moves towards its objectives. Furthermore, the operation of projects or activities by local public and private agencies supports continuity in the process of neighborhood change and improvement beyond the duration of the Program.

Where agencies are operating projects or activities it is important to consider administrative capability, and relatedness of the projects or activities to the agency's given function and objectives. During the course of the Cambridge Program, it has been necessary to re-evaluate two operating agency arrangements. Those two specific instances are outlined below and constitute the two Program amendments for which HUD requires an amendment resolution from the City.

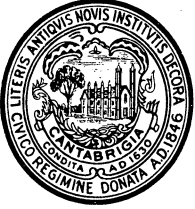
I. Interim operation by the CDA of the Special Activities Project

The Special Activities Project originally was operated by the City Recreation Department. However, experience showed that the operation of the Project was beyond the traditional functions of that Department. Although the Special Activities Project related to

recreational needs of MNA residents, it was more broadly designed to fill gaps and provide unique services, and in the process support the comprehensive nature of the overall Model Cities Program. Therefore, it was necessary to identify an operating agency which reflected a wider range of program and service delivery mechanisms suitable to the Project. The CDA assumed responsibility in the interim.

II. Interim operation by the CDA of the Community Learning Center Project

The Community Learning Center project has served as a multi-purpose educational operation to coordinate and provide a wide range of educational activities in the MNA. Community Learning Center, Inc. was established as the operating agency for this project. However, in the course of an audit conducted by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., Inc., it was noted that Community Learning Center, Inc. had not achieved sufficient contractor capability necessary for operating the project. Therefore, CDA became the interim operating agency, until arrangements were made for either another operating agency or reorganization of the Community Learning Center, Inc. structure.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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Assistant to the City Manager

March 13, 1972

To the Honorable, the City Council,

I do hereby transmit for your action a resolution pertaining to the operation of the Model Cities Program together with explanation statement from James Farrell, Executive Director of the Model Cities Administration. This resolution is submitted at the request of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in order to indicate the validation by the Cambridge City Council of the operation of the Special Activities Program and activities of the Community Learning Center by the Model Cities Administration.

This resolution should be considered routine, and the administration is merely making clear for the record, activities which have been ongoing at the end of the Second Action Year and during a portion of the Third Action Year.

I urge adoption of this resolution.

Yours truly,

John H. Corcoran
City Manager

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