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June 12, 1992

To The Honorable, the City Council:

I am pleased to inform you that the City of Cambridge has been awarded a \$2.04 million Shelter Plus Care Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This is the first funding round of the federal Shelter Plus Care Program and was a national competition. The grant application was coordinated by Community Development Department with assistance from the Department of Human Services, the YMCA, the Cambridge Housing Authority and a variety of social service providers. The grant is particularly significant because it assists the City in providing appropriate housing and critically important social services to difficult to reach portions of the homeless population.

This grant will be used to support thirty SRO's located at the YMCA for homeless individuals who are affected by chronic mental illness or infected with the AIDS/HIV virus. The grant includes a commitment of rental subsidies which will be administered by the CHA and funds to support social services for these thirty individuals. The YMCA along with North Charles Foundation, the Department of Mental Health, Cambridge Cares About AIDS and the Cambridge Hospital will provide and coordinate these social services. In addition to assisting thirty formerly homeless individuals, the Shelter Plus Grant is an important element in the YMCA's overall rehabilitation plan. This effort will not only upgrade the YMCA's 142 SRO's, but will be a significant step in the overall revitalization of Central Square.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda # 15

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Information on the City of Cambridge
being awarded a \$2.04 million Shelter Plus
Care Grant from the Department of Housing
and Urban Development.

In City Council,

June 15, 1992

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