



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

To Block Grant Advisory Committee

From Peter Helwig *PH*

Date September 26, 1979

Subject Block Grant Update

1. Performance Hearing - A public hearing on Block Grant performance will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, City Hall Annex, 57 Inman Street. This hearing, required by regulations, is intended to provide citizens with an opportunity to comment upon any aspect of Block Grant program performance in any year up to the present. Topics may include: progress of projects, quality of contractors or agency subgrantees, the City's conformance with environmental and equal opportunity requirements, etc. The hearing is not related to the upcoming Year 6 application process and will not include discussion of new project proposals. If you have any questions concerning the hearing, please feel free to contact me (498-9034).
2. Attached is a "Notice of intent to file for release of funds" which will appear in the September 27 Cambridge Chronicle and which is sent to you in accordance with regulations. The project referred to is the Wellington-Harrington completion grant of \$7.9 million which the City secured about 15 months ago, Wellington-Harrington is now officially "closed out" as an "Urban Renewal Project." The program will continue planned activities and projects utilizing the Completion Grant for about three years. The Completion Grant is technically from the Federal Block Grant pool of money, though it in no way affects the City's annual Block Grant entitlement.
3. Year 6 Application Process. We are currently putting together the outline of the Year 6 Application process. Your comments or suggestions are welcome, by phone or in writing.
4. Commitments from Contingency. The following new projects are proposed from contingency or reprogrammed funds. In accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan, you have fifteen days in which to comment on the proposals before they are finalized.
 - a. Cambridge Community Economic Development Corp. - \$15,000. The funds will be invested in Harvard Design, Inc. (previously Colony House Furniture) in return for one-third interest. These funds are from the "economic development pool" of \$100,000.

- b. Riverside-Cambridgeport Community Corporation - \$15,000.
These funds, also from the economic development pool, will assist RCCC in trying to launch a wholly-owned Weatherization Company.

- c. Riverside-Cambridgeport Community Corporation - \$20,000.
This \$20,000 is a loan to help RCCC cover front end costs involved in developing the River-Howard site for publicly assisted townhouses. The loan will be repaid late this fall, when the project goes into construction.

- d. Cambridge Community Economic Development Corporation - \$25,000
These funds would be utilized to support corporation staff in the face of CETA cutbacks. The staff's work involves economic development planning, project development, management of existing programs, and grantsmanship. The funds are from the economic development pool of \$100,000.

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.. Notice of intention to submit to HUD on or about October 4, 1979, a request for release of funds and certification for the following project under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974: Wellington-Harrington Neighborhood Improvement Program, utilizing a Categorical Program Settlement Grant of \$7,924,639; this project continues activities previously carried out as part of the Wellington-Harrington Urban Renewal Project.

.. The City of Cambridge has prepared an Environmental Review Record regarding the described project. The record may be examined and copied in the office of the Community Development Department, City Hall Annex, 57 Inman Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139 (telephone 498-9034).

.. The City of Cambridge will undertake the project with Block Grant Funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

.. The City of Cambridge, Massachusetts is certifying to HUD that the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts and James L. Sullivan, in his official capacity as City Manager, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts may use the Block Grant funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

.. (a) That the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer of the applicant; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to HUD at HUD Boston Area Office, 15 New Chardon Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after Oct. 19, 1979 will be considered by HUD.

City of Cambridge, Applicant
James L. Sullivan, City Manager
795 Massachusetts Avenue - City Hall
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Legal Notice Regarding
Environmental Clearance
Process:

Cambridge Chronicle
September 27, 1979

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Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk. transmitting comm. from Peter Helwig, Community Development Dept. Re: Block Grant Update.

In City Council,

September 26, 1979



City of Cambridge

AMENDED ORDER

23.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 22, 1979

MAYOR DANEHY

- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to inform the contractors doing the sewer construction in the Mt. Auburn area of the city to stop using the streets as a staging area for the project. At the present time construction equipment is left idle for weeks at a time in front of homes; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Commissioner to have the contractor find an off-street staging area for equipment; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Commissioner and the contractor to put to use the experience that they have developed in other sections of the city to better ease the inconvenience of construction of this type; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to clear the gutters on both sides of Aberdeen Avenue and the catch basins on the even side with particular attention to the basins located near the gas station at the intersection of Aberdeen Avenue with Mt. Auburn Street.

In City Council October 22, 1979
 Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of
 9 members.

Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Paul E. Healy



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 with Mt. Auburn Street*

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Order #23

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M. Danehy re: off-street staging area for
the sewer construction in the Mt. Auburn
area.

In City Council,
October 22, 1979