



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

January 27, 1997

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
 COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
 COUNCILLOR DAVIS
 COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
 COUNCILLOR REEVES
 MAYOR RUSSELL
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Section 404 of the federal Stafford Act provides for FEMA assistance to local governments and eligible non-profit institutions for efforts to mitigate damage from future problems in amounts up to 75% of the cost of eligible mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS: The types of projects eligible for Section 404 mitigation grants include the following:

- Acquiring floodprone structures of property
- Retrofitting floodprone structures
- Protecting critical facilities
- Upgrade of drainage systems and culverts
- Stream or pond improvements
- Increasing public awareness of hazard mitigation; and

WHEREAS: The following criteria are used in selecting which grant application to fund:

- Direct impact on reducing future disaster losses
- Failure to implement project will have severe detrimental impact
- Enhance environmental protection
- Part of overall plan for hazard mitigation by applicant
- Maximum local support and commitment
- Public/private partnership
- Applicant can implement in a cost effective and timely manner; and

WHEREAS: The Russell Field area along Clifton and Harvey Streets, the Bellis Circle area and the New Street area were all severely impacted by the October floods and have a continuing history of flooding problems of the same nature; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore the possibility of obtaining Section mitigation 404 grants for these areas, and report back to the City Council on this matter, including in this report copies of the pertinent federal regulations.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Section 404 of the federal Stafford Act provides

Whereas:

The ~~FED~~ Federal ~~Management~~ Act (FEMA) provides for assistance to ~~state~~ eligible local governments and nonprofit institutions for efforts to mitigate damage from future problems in amounts up to 75% of the cost of eligible mitigation projects; and

Whereas:

The types of projects eligible for Section 404 mitigation grants include the following:

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- Acquiring floodprone structures or property
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Assistance to Local Government

FEMA also provides assistance to state government, cities and towns. In all declared disasters FEMA will reimburse government agencies for 75% of the cost of debris removal and for protective actions to protect life, health, safety and property. In major disasters (the recent flooding was declared a major disaster in five coastal Massachusetts counties, including Middlesex), FEMA provides additional assistance to state and local government. This assistance provides for reimbursement of 75% of the costs of repairs to or replacement of roads, bridges, culverts and traffic control devices. It also includes reimbursement for damage to water control facilities, buildings, equipment, vehicles, water, sewer and drainage systems, parks and recreational facilities.

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exploring
section
404
grants
for flood

Some non-profit organisations, including colleges and private schools, are eligible for FEMA assistance. FEMA assistance to eligible non-profits is provided on the same basis and for the same categories of damage as is provided to cities and towns. One private school in Cambridge, the Fayerweather Street School sustained severe flood damage. We arranged for school staff to attend a FEMA briefing on disaster assistance. I understand the school is applying for assistance.



Because of the severe flood damage in Massachusetts, another provision of the Stafford Act³ provides for grants for assistance to government agencies for efforts to mitigate damage from future problems of the same nature. Such grants are in the amount of 75% of the cost of eligible mitigation projects. The intent of the grants is to minimise future disaster losses and thereby minimise future disaster assistance costs. Hazard mitigation projects can involve any action taken to permanently eliminate or reduce the long term risk to human life and property. Section 404 grants may be sought by any state or local government or by eligible non profit institutions. The types of projects eligible for Section 404 mitigation grants may include:

relief
for
Russell
Field
Area
along
Clifton
streets

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Harvey
and
Whittmore
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It is possible that grant applications will exceed available funding. The following criteria are used in selecting which grant applications to fund.

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Bellis
Circle
and
New Street
Area

investigate
reasons of use of
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³ P.L. 93-288, section 404

Better
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Davis, Dineen, Reeves, Russell
Consent Order #50 Sullivan + Toomey

Councillors Galluccio and Triantafillou
re: Explore the possibility of obtain-
ing Section 404 mitigation grants.

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ORDER ADOPTED