



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 17, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The National League of Cities' (NLC) Institute for Youth, Education, and Families (YEF Institute) is inviting cities with populations in excess of 50,000 to participate in NLC's *Transitional Jobs Project: Municipal Leadership To Improve Employment Opportunities For Hard-To-Employ Individuals*; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of this project is to assist municipal policymakers and program administrators who are interested in establishing transitional jobs programs as a way to help hard-to-employ individuals gain work experience and secure permanent jobs with family-supporting wages; and

WHEREAS: The centerpiece of the project is an intensive, 24-month technical assistance effort involving a group of up to ten cities. The project will help municipal leaders determine the best program model for their community and ensure that programs are designed in compliance with federal regulations. The project will also help selected cities explore federal and state funding options for the establishment of local transitional jobs programs, showcasing ways of working successfully with state and county agencies; and

WHEREAS: YEF Institute staff will work in partnership with the Transitional Jobs Network, Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), and Transitional Work Corporation (TWC) to provide technical assistance to selected sites; and

WHEREAS: The YEF Institute and its partners will work directly with teams from each participating city (via conference calls and site visits) to assist them as they develop and implement transitional jobs programs. In each project, representatives from the city teams will also meet on one or two occasions during the project period to promote cross-site exchanges of information and lessons learned. The YEF Institute will structure multiple opportunities for sharing of information, insights, and strategies for progress among selected sites to highlight the full range of ways in which transitional jobs can lead to permanent, high-quality employment; and

WHEREAS: Cities selected to participate in the Transitional Jobs Project will gain access to a broad range of potential benefits. These benefits include:

- Ongoing support and technical assistance from the YEF Institute and its partners in developing and implementing a transitional jobs program that meets the needs of the local population and complies with federal, state and local regulations;
- Direct access to national experts in the areas of transitional employment, workforce development, TANF policy, and assistance to the "hard-to-serve;"
- Opportunities to participate in cross-site information exchanges with other selected cities working on transitional jobs programs, including travel expenses to attend at least one meeting organized by the YEF Institute to bring representatives from each site together;
- Further opportunities to participate in the Transitional Jobs Network, a growing national network of state and local leaders currently administering transitional jobs programs;

now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services with the view of submitting a proposal for Cambridge to participate in this program; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council on this matter.

In City Council December 17, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Councillor Davis

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