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February 28, 1980

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
City Manager's Office
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
Attention: David Vickery
Assistant City Manager for Community Development

Re: Request for City Funding for Just-A-Start, Over and Above
Community Development Block Grant Funds

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

The Committee on Finance of the Cambridge City Council, a Committee of the whole City Council, invited citizens and organizations in Cambridge to a public hearing on February 26, 1980 at the City Council Chambers. The purpose of the hearing was to offer opportunities for citizens and organizations to present their concerns regarding City programs and budgets.

Just-A-Start representatives, including Mrs. Eileen Bacci, Vice President of Just-A-Start; Mr. Hugh Lyons, member of Just-A-Start, and myself attended the hearing and presented our concerns and a request regarding Just-A-Start funding for CDBG Year VI.

In summary, our concern relates to increasing Just-A-Start Rehabilitation Assistance Program funds. The transition of contracts, the necessity for both Wellington-Harrington and Just-A-Start to leave the rent-free deteriorated facilities and rent on the open market, and the increase in minimum wages all have contributed to a shrinkage of enrollment, training and service in this program since the 1976-1977 City-wide expansion.

We feel that the City of Cambridge, including the City Council, the City Manager, and the Community Development Department have provided excellent support and a helpful level of Community Development Block Grant funds for this program.

We feel also that as community residents and parents, we have contributed a real effort to this program, as have our staff that make it work.

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In the current year, Block Grant Year V , the CDBG allocations of \$190,000 will be matched by staff efforts to draw in \$193,000 in supplementary funding. The approved City Council order of June, 1979 for \$30,000 has not been funded in cash yet. For a city-wide program, in which the neighborhoods, City officials, parents with teenagers and people needing help to rehabilitate their homes anticipate and at times demand help from Just-A-Start, this combined level of funding is no longer adequate to meet the needs.

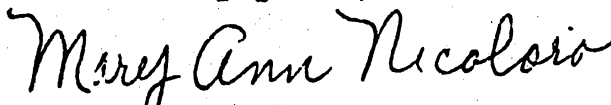
Our organization therefore requested at the hearing that the City of Cambridge provide \$128,000 from general tax revenues to supplement the proposed CDBG allocation of \$190,000, to be matched as close as possible by staff efforts to find supplementary funds from the third group (training, learning, charitable) of sources.

These funds, (CDBG, supplemental and City tax revenue), in total, will not equal the funding impact of the CDBG and non-City supplementary funds pulled together in 1976-1977, the first year of city-wide efforts. Funding of \$128,000 will be a big help; specifically to allow for sixty (60) direct hires of teenagers for this coming summer - cutting down on the shortage of crews for Summer, 1980 work, and will enable some help for the school year Just-A-Start crews, which have been short of trainees for the past two years.

In response to a request as to next steps to proceed with this matter through the City budget process, it was recommended by the City Manager that a budget request for these funds from City revenues be started through the Community Development Department.

Enclosed is our request and a summary of information presented at the hearing. We shall contact you to arrange a meeting to discuss this important matter.

Sincerely yours,



Mary Ann Nicoloro
President

Enclosure(s)

cc: Committee on Finance

BUDGET REQUEST

To: City of Cambridge
Community Development Department

Fr: Just A Start Rehabilitation Assistance Program

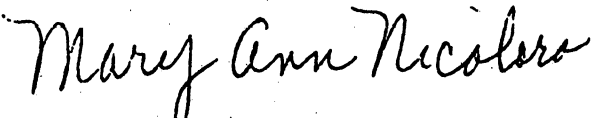
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Just A Start Rehabilitation Assistance Program, acting on presentation to, request of and advice of the City of Cambridge, requests that the Community Development Department incorporate into its budget request to the City, over and above its own projected budget for July 1, 1980 - June 30, 1981, the sum of \$128,000 from non-Community Development Block Grant sources for the Just A Start Rehabilitation Assistance Program for the rehabilitation-training and assistance program, as follows:

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>
1. Administration & Management	---
2. Crews (Supervisors & Trainees)	\$107,000
3. Fringe Benefits for Crews	16,000
4. Hardware Tools & Equipment	5,000
Total	\$128,000

This request is made to supplement the \$190,000 proposed Year VI CDBG allocation, and the proposed \$193,000 in supplementary funds from non-CDBG and non-City sources for the Just A Start Program for July 1, 1980 - June 30, 1981.

By



Mary Ann Nicoloro
President
JAS Community Development Corporation

WHEREAS: On February 26, 1980, Just-A-Start community members appeared by request at the Committee on Finance of the Cambridge City Council and requested \$128,000 from tax revenues for 1980-1981, to supplement CDBG and private charitable and other funds for the 1980-1981 Program Year; and

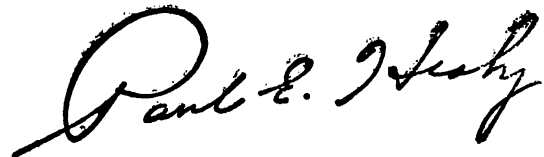
WHEREAS: Funding of \$128,000 from the City of Cambridge over and above the afore-mentioned \$190,000 in CDBG funds for Just-A-Start for the next program year, will enable the program to enroll 60 youth not under some other form of supplemental funding this summer and from 6-12 youth in training positions during the annual program through June, 1981 and will offset the reductions in Just-A-Start funding city-wide and the adverse effects of contract transition and rising costs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to appropriate the sum of \$128,000 to the Just-A-Start Program to supplement the proposed CDBG allocation of \$190,000 for operating work experience and skills training program activities enrolling Cambridge youth from July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981, said sum to be raised from the tax levy and to be included in the budget for Fiscal 80-81.

In City Council April 28, 1980
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul E. Healy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "P".



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COUNCILLOR W. SULLIVAN
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IN CITY COUNCIL
April 28, 1980

- WHEREAS: Just-A-Start has been a Cambridge program since 1968 when it began as part of the Wellington-Harrington Neighborhood Stabilization Program, with primary funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) supplemented by private, charitable funds searched out by community leaders and program staff; and
- WHEREAS: In 1976, Just-A-Start operated in the Wellington-Harrington District with funding of \$106,000 from HUD and an additional \$65,000 raised from other sources; and
- WHEREAS: In the Spring of 1976, the Cambridge City Council voted unanimously to expand Just-A-Start city-wide from the one Wellington Harrington Area to seven (7) CDBG Areas and provide a level of funding of \$243,000 through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from HUD, supplemented by \$100,000 raised by the Just-A-Start Program from private charitable, work-study and all other sources; and
- WHEREAS: Since 1976 up until CDBG, Year V, through June 30, 1980, the level of CDBG funding for Just-A-Start has been reduced from \$243,000 to \$190,000 while additional supplemental funds have been raised to try to offset these cuts in Just-A-Start; and
- WHEREAS: In addition, the City in 1978 decided to transfer the contracts for Just-A-Start from the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to the nonprofit community corporation, thus causing a change in payroll and fringe benefits status for trainees from old agency to new agency status under Federal and State regulations and causing \$32,000 in additional costs not previously required to be charged to the Just-A-Start contracts; and
- WHEREAS: Due to this city-wide expansion mandated by the City Council, the new agency payroll and fringe benefit status for trainees, and the impact of inflation, estimated at 33.9% for the past four years, and the displacement of Just-A-Start from CRA-owned, deteriorated, rent free space, the net value of CDBG city-wide funding is now estimated at \$84,500 for a Just-A-Start Program in seven (7) CDBG Areas, at a time when more and more young people of high school and college age need skills training and work experience, both in the summers and during the school years; and
- WHEREAS: It is currently projected that there will not be sufficient funds to hire any Cambridge youth under CDBG funding for this summer or the ensuing school year; and

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C. W. Sullivan and C. Vellucci re: appropriation of \$128,000 to the Just-A-Start program

In City Council,
April 28, 1980

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