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TO: Block Grant Advisory Committee

FROM: David Vickery, Assistant City Manager
for Community Development

SUBJECT: Tentative Outline of Fourth Year Block Grant Program

DATE: September 19, 1977

I transmit herein an outline of a Fourth Year Block Grant Program. This outline is intended to give Committee members an idea of the preliminary thinking of the City Manager and myself with regard to both general funding allocations among major categories of projects and specific project objectives themselves. The outline should provide a useful framework for the development of project proposals by citizens and organizations and for the deliberations of the workshop participants.

Certain project areas are notated with the term "projects solicited". While I anticipate and expect project proposals in all project areas -- as well as in project areas not listed -- I particularly encourage proposals in those areas so designated. These generally involve program objectives which have not been addressed in previous Block Grant programs but which I feel are particularly worthy of attention.

Realistically, many -- perhaps most -- projects will be continuations of current year projects. This is the case because these projects are supported by general consensus and have proved successful. The home improvement program, sidewalk reconstruction, open space renovations are examples. Such projects will deserve attention; we still face the difficult task of how much money should be allocated to these continuing projects. In sum, the task of establishing relative priorities within and among project categories is perhaps the major challenge confronting us and the Advisory Committee.

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CITY MANAGER'S TENTATIVE OUTLINE
FOURTH YEAR BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

HOUSING

- I. Private Housing Rehabilitation (\$1,100,000)
 - A. Housing Rehabilitation and Conservation Program
 - 1. Owner occupied structures
 - 2. Absentee-owned structures (projects solicited)
 - B. Specialized Programs and Mechanisms
 - 1. Revolving loan fund
 - 2. Historic Preservation
 - 3. 312 Loan Service
 - 4. Special Projects (lead paint, paint program, targeting, etc.)
 - C. Central Administration (including housing information and program planning)
- II. Public Housing (\$240,000)
 - A. Physical Improvements
 - B. Tenant Management

PUBLIC SERVICES

- I. Public Services (\$ 65,000)
 - A. Playground/Open Space maintenance (projects solicited)
 - B. Environmental code enforcement (projects solicited)
 - C. Boarding up/demolition of condemned or abandoned buildings
- II. Human Services (\$200,000)
 - A. Planning/Coordination of Human Services

B. Projects solicited. Must generally meet following criteria:

1. Compliance with HUD eligibility requirements and community development strategy.
2. Evidence comprehensive/coordinated impact on housing, health, income, and education.
3. Complement the impact of other community development activities.
4. Block grant monies 'leverage' dollars from other public and private sources.
5. Demonstrable capability on the part of implementing agency.

III. Economic Development (Projects Solicited)

IV. General Planning (\$80,000)

- A. Zoning Revision (continuation)
- B. Information System Development - provide means of systematically updating information on file: land use, building permits, etc.
- C. Area/Neighborhood Studies

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

I. Open Space Renovation (\$100,000)

- (Assume \$25,000-\$30,000 each project)

Suggested Priority List (not in order):

- A. Haggerty School Playground
- B. King School Playground
- C. Morse School Playground
- D. Donnelly Field Totlot
- E. Fullmore Playground
- F. Gore Street Playground
- G. Pine Street Playlot

- II. Open Space Acquisition (see Open Space Plan) (\$550,000)
 - A. Continuing Projects:
 - 1. Neighborhood Four Parks and Playgrounds
 - 2. Clarendon Avenue
 - 3. Sacramento Field
 - B. New Projects
 - 1. Inman Square Triangle
 - 2. Neighborhood Three Park (outside Wellington-Harrington)
- III. Street Improvements (\$100,000)
- IV. Sidewalk Reconstruction/Street Trees (\$200,000)
(Three-year priority list established)
- V. Transportation - East Cambridge Roadway Design (\$100,000)
- VI. Neighborhood Business District Improvements (\$ 50,000)
(Projects Solicited)

CONTINUATION OF WELLINGTON-HARRINGTON URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT (Funding for one-quarter year)

<u>BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION</u>	(\$220,000)
<u>CONTINGENCY</u>	(\$325,000)

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In City Council,

Sept. 26, 1977

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