



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 17, 1973

ORDERED:

That an appropriation in the sum of \$25,000.00 to the Executive Department, F-39 Homeowners Rehab, Inc.; said sum to be made available by transfer from the Reserve Fund, be and hereby is authorized.

In City Council Dec 17, 1973

Approved by the City Clerk

Yours 8 _____

Paul E. Leahy
CITY CLERK City Clerk

#4 Agenda -

City of Cambridge

Appropriation order in amount of 25000.00
to Homeowners

MASSACHUSETTS

Reform, Inc.

In City Council

Dec. 17 1973

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT
Mr. Clinton	✓		
Mr. Danehy			✓
Mr. Dushay	✓		
Mrs. Graham	✓		
Mr. Moncreiff	✓		
Mr. Owens	✓		
Mr. Sullivan	✓		
Mr. Vellucci	✓		
Mayor Ackermann	✓		
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Order Adopted



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

JOHN H. CORCORAN

City Manager

JAMES L. FARRELL

Assistant City Manager

December 17, 1973

To the Honorable, the City Council,

On October 29, 1973 your Honorable Body requested that the City Manager send an appropriation order to this City Council in the total amount of \$97,000.00 to provide the sum of \$57,000.00 for staffing this agency and \$40,000.00 for the seed money necessary to plan mortgages in connection with the Home Improvement Program and Work Equity Homeownership Program.

While I recognize the merits of the Home Improvement Program and Work Equity Homeownership Program, its critical need for additional funds, and the spirit of the above cited order, I nevertheless as City Manager feel that the City of Cambridge must respond to the whole housing rehabilitation - conservation issue in a broader more comprehensive manner.

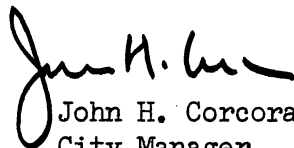
In a time of shrinking tax base and diminishing governmental resources for dealing with the problems of old Cambridge neighborhoods, it is essential that City expenditures for housing rehabilitation and conservation be utilized in the most efficient manner possible. It is critical that the existing housing stock be saved and the low to moderate income populations in Cambridge be able to rent and/or buy a decent place to live at a cost that is not unbearable. It is essential that Cambridge residents be able to make use of available and newly-developed rehabilitation - conservation resources, however scarce or difficult these are to find. It is essential to ultimately incorporate in housing rehabilitation - conservation actions in Cambridge, those program elements that have worked well. It is necessary to set processes in motion wherein an effective emphasis is placed on reaching long range solutions for housing for owners and tenants as part of a community development approach to neighborhood stabilization.

Shortly after the new year, I shall be making specific policy recommendations along these lines. However, in the interim, because of Federal Funding uncertainties, we stand to lose one of the outstanding contributions of the Model Cities experience: the Home Improvement and Work Equity Program.

I, therefore, respectfully submit the accompanying order in the amount of \$25,000.00; said sum to be made available by transfer from the Reserve, which though not the full amount requested, is nevertheless substantial. At a later time the situation can be reviewed, but in the interim it is my understanding and expectation that Homeowners Rehab., Inc. will work with its counterpart in

the Redevelopment Authority to assist the Administrator of Community Development in formulating rehabilitation policy recommendations that I can bring back to your Honorable Body.

Very truly yours,



John H. Corcoran
City Manager

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Tracked transportation

Order placed

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Appropriation

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Approved