

FEDERAL GRANTS

| DEPARTMENT | TITLE | FY96 | FY97 | VARIANCE |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| POLICE | COPS - AHEAD | <u>230 058</u> | <u>153 370</u> | <u>(76 688)</u> |
| SUB TOTAL | | 230 058 | 153 370 | (76 688) |
| HOSPITAL | Breast Health Project | 120 000 | 120 000 | - |
| | Immunization Action Project | 229 233 | 229 233 | - |
| | Ryan White | 233 009 | 233 009 | - |
| | Fenway | 100 250 | - | (100 250) |
| | Homeless BHH | 130 358 | 127 000 | (3 358) |
| | HRSA | <u>262 510</u> | <u>262 510</u> | <u>-</u> |
| SUB TOTAL | | 1 075 360 | 971 752 | (103 608) |
| HUMAN SERVICES | Emergency Shelters*** | 136 000 | ? | |
| | Housing Intercept Program | 151 200 | 158 400 | + 7 200 |
| | HUD Supportive Housing | 396 451 | 396 451 | - |
| | Emergency Food and Shelters | 19 900 | 15 639 | (4 261) |
| | Summer Food Service Program | 194 117 | 194 117 | - |
| | Summer Year Nutrition | 10 000 | 10 000 | - |
| | Low Income Fuel Assistance*** | 1 349 237 | ? | |
| | Urban Development Action Grant | 3 000 | 3 000 | - |
| | Urban Development Action Grant | 4 000 | 4 000 | - |
| | Urban Development Action Grant | 25 000 | 25 000 | - |
| | Housing Authority/Drug Elimination | 20 000 | 5 000 | (15 000) |
| | Housing Authority/Community & Youth | 30 897 | 30 897 | - |
| | Drug Elimination Grant | 102 660 | - | (102 660) |
| | Center for Families | 4 316 | - | (4 316) |
| | Center for Substance Abuse Prevention | 80 000 | - | (80 000) |
| | Center for Substance Abuse Prevention*** | <u>338 950</u> | <u>?</u> | <u>-</u> |
| SUB TOTAL | | 1 041 541 | 842 504 | (199 037) |

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| COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | Block Grant | 4 200 000 | 3 900 000 | (300 000) |
| | Home Programs*** | <u>771 000</u> | <u>?</u> | <u> </u> |
| SUB TOTAL | | 4 200 000 | 3 900 000 | (300 000) |

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STATE GRANT

| DEPARTMENT | TITLE | FY96 | FY97 | VARIANCE |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| POLICE | Community Oriented Policing | 380 843 | 380 843 | - |
| | DARE | 30 000 | 30 000 | - |
| | Domestic Violence | 14 500 | - | (14 500) |
| | Traffic Enforcement * | 5 000 | ? | ? |
| | SUB TOTAL | 425 343 | 410 843 | (14 500) |
| * Not in FY96 or FY97 Total | | | | |
| HOSPITAL | CHC Enhancement | 77 476 | 77 476 | - |
| | Immunization Action Outreach | 200 000 | 200 000 | - |
| | Alternative Test Site | 120 802 | 120 802 | - |
| | Act Now | 216 106 | 216 106 | - |
| | Haitian Mental Health | 71 667 | 71 667 | - |
| | Crisis Intervention | 581 746 | 581 746 | - |
| | Training | 756 332 | 666 998 | (89 334) |
| | Safety Net | 2 250 000 | 2 250 000 | - |
| | Safety Net | 6 750 000 | 6 750 000 | - |
| | Men of Color | 30 000 | 30 000 | - |
| | Women, Infants & Children ** | 388 215 | ? | ? |
| | Victims of Violence | 96 693 | 91 936 | (4 757) |
| | Combined Primary Care | 128 108 | 128 108 | - |
| | Teen Health | 81 000 | 81 000 | - |
| | STD Clinic | 155 475 | 155 475 | - |
| | Haitian HIV/AIDS Education | 90 000 | 90 000 | - |
| | CHC/HIV | 55 000 | 55 000 | - |
| | Community Support ** | 753 330 | ? | ? |
| | HAPHI | 13 078 | - | (13 078) |
| | TB Clinic | 60 000 | 60 000 | - |
| Supported Employment | 259 000 | 259 000 | - | |
| SUB TOTAL | 11 992 483 | 11 885 314 | (107 169) | |

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STATE GRANT

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| HUMAN SERVICES | Emergency Transitional Room | 207 136 | 207 136 | - |
| | Adult Basic Education | 268 585 | 268 585 | - |
| | Adult Basic Education & ESL | 30 000 | 30 000 | - |
| | ERI Adult Literacy | 40 000 | 40 000 | - |
| | Adult Diploma Program in Workplace | 2 000 | - | (2 000) |
| | Headstart | 5 499 | 5 499 | - |
| | Learning Together | 13 500 | - | (13 500) |
| | Jobs Training Partnership Act *** | 32 803 | ? | |
| | Jobs Training Partnership Act | 8 302 | - | (8 302) |
| | Occupational Education | 8 453 | - | (8 453) |
| | Comprehensive Health Program | 19 507 | - | (19 507) |
| | Young Adults with Learning Disabilities | 40 200 | - | (40 200) |
| | Evenstart | 66 297 | 66 297 | - |
| | Adult Education for Homeless | 22 880 | - | (22 880) |
| | Career Pathways | 41 098 | - | (41 098) |
| | Career Pathways | 65 000 | 60 000 | (5 000) |
| | Youth Employment Center | 10 000 | 10 000 | - |
| | Elder Affairs | 41 988 | 41 988 | - |
| | Community Service Commission | 4 000 | - | (4 000) |
| | Center for Families | 149 980 | 149 980 | - |
| Tobacco Education | 80 326 | 80 326 | - | |
| Tobacco Control Coalition | <u>70 000</u> | <u>70 000</u> | <u>-</u> | |
| SUB TOTAL | | 1 194 751 | 1 029 811 | (164 940) |

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PRIVATE GRANTS

| DEPARTMENT | TITLE | FY96 | FY97 | VARIANCE |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| HUMAN SERVICES | Homeless*** | 26 661 | ? | |
| | CLC Friends | 2 000 | - | (2 000) |
| | Christ Church | 3 000 | ? | |
| | Mark Ashe Community Service | 8 525 | 8 525 | - |
| | Cambridge Performance Project | 28 955 | 28 955 | - |
| | BU School/Consortium Council | 800 | 800 | - |
| | Cambridge Community Foundation | 500 | 500 | - |
| | Housing Authority Drug Elimination*** | 26 000 | ? | |
| | North Cambridge Crime Task Force | <u>28 000</u> | - | <u>(28 000)</u> |
| | | 68 780 | 38 780 | (30 000) |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | |

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subject: City Council Order #18, dated 4/1/96

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Sir:

Gloria Pimentel
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Following is a status update of the federal and/or state grant programs administered by the Police Department:

Lt. Ronald Ellis
Quality Control

Federal Grant Programs

Lt. Steven Williams
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COPS-AHEAD Provides for the hiring and partial funding of six (6) bi-lingual officers. Grant funding, totaling \$450,000, is for a three year period beginning April 1, 1995. Matching funds have been appropriated by the City and increase with each successive year. Officers are absorbed into regular operating budget upon completion of three year funding.

Mr. Raymond Santilli
Planning, Budget
& Personnel

COPS-MORE Provides for the purchase of equipment/technology and overtime pay with the objective of redeployment of officers to street assignments. The Police Department submitted an application on March 16, 1995. A funding rejection was received on March 27, 1996.

Mr. Frank Pasquarello
Aide to the Commissioner

Domestic Violence (COP) Provides for funding of innovative community policing efforts aimed at domestic violence. In partnership with the Women's Commission, the Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services, and the Cambridge Hospital Network of Neighborhood Health Centers, a grant application for \$100,000 was submitted in November, 1995. The funding would allow for a number of collaborative efforts between the organizations in combating domestic violence. A decision on funding approval has not yet been received.

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State Grant Programs

Community Oriented Policing Provides for a grant in the amount of \$380,843 to assist in implementing community policing strategies in the City of Cambridge. These strategies focus on the dual goals of reducing crime and improving the quality of life for all citizens in the community. As one of the program's "designated cities", this is the third year of funding. The Department has been advised that the same amount has been requested for appropriation in the Governor's FY97 budget.

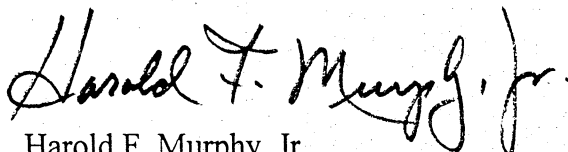
Drug Abuse Resistance Education Provides for funds in the amount of \$30,000 for the Department's D.A.R.E. Programs. Currently the D.A.R.E. curriculum is being taught in 14 elementary schools. The funds also provide for tobacco cessation programs and public information on both subjects. Funding possibilities for the next fiscal year is unknown.

Domestic Violence Funding in the amount of \$14,500 for the continuation of Operation "Safe Home". This grant assists the Police Department in implementing an integrated response system to domestic violence and abuse. This is the fourth and final year of funding for this program. At the completion of the fourth year, the program will be fully integrated into the Department's operating budget.

Traffic Enforcement A grant in the amount of \$5,000 for selective enforcement overtime for operating under the influence, speeding, seat belt, and child passenger safety enforcement. The grant is for calendar year 1996 and future funding is uncertain.

The Police Department has also applied for and received a variety of grants for the purchase of equipment. A grant in the amount of \$100,649 was received from the Massachusetts Office of Public Safety for the purchase of bullet proof vests for officers desiring one. A grant in the amount of \$7,908 was received from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau for the purchase of two mobile video recording units which will be utilized by the accident investigators and assigned to the new accident van.

The Police Department will continue to actively seek out all grant opportunities which will benefit the Department's mission and goals.



Harold F. Murphy, Jr.
Acting Police Commissioner



The Cambridge Hospital



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Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
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Cambridge, MA 02139

April 8, 1996

Dear Mr. Healy,

Below you will find a listing and description of grant funded programs awarded to The Cambridge Hospital in response to City Council Order #018, dated April 1, 1996. I have noted next to the program name originating funded source and likelihood for continued refunding.

CHC ENHANCEMENT FY96 (state - will be refunded) cost center 9622

The Cambridge Hospital has been awarded \$77,476. for FY96. Funding for this program will provide for the development of a comprehensive neighborhood based outreach and health education approach that is closely integrated with the neighborhood health center provider staff. Outreach workers will provide a wide range of culturally appropriate outreach and community health education, case finding and follow-up services.

BREAST HEALTH PROJECT FY96 (federal - will be refunded) cost center 9651

The Cambridge Hospital has been awarded \$47,250. for cost reimbursement and \$72,750 in reimbursement, fee schedule based, for medical services provided in FY96. This award provides for the development of comprehensive education, screening, and treatment program for women at risk for breast cancer through the Neighborhood Health Centers and Department of Public Nursing.

IMMUNIZATION ACTION PROJECT FY96 (federal - will be refunded) cost center 9637

The Cambridge Hospital was awarded \$229,233. in funding for FY96. The Immunization Action Project (IAP) works with pediatric providers and community groups in Cambridge, Chelsea, and Somerville to raise immunization rates among children under two years old. Unimmunized/under-immunized children are identified via community contacts and computerized database. These families will be contacted and referred for primary pediatric care. The goal of the project is to improve immunization rates in these three cities by 3%.

IMMUNIZATION ACTION OUTREACH FY96 (state - will be refunded) cost center 9639

We were awarded \$200,000. for FY96 to continue to build upon the FY95 Immunization Action Project (IAP). The IAP consortium focusing on infants and under-immunized children in Cambridge, Chelsea, and Somerville. The Immunization Action Project itself identifies, immunizes, and tracks pediatric patients.

ALTERNATIVE TEST SITE FY96 (state - will be refunded) cost center 9676

The Department of Public Health has awarded The Cambridge Hospital

\$120,802. for FY96. This award covers provides funding for anonymous, voluntary ATS services provided in state co-operating hospital based sexually transmittable disease clinics, community health centers, substance abuse programs, and boards of health. These clinics provide clients with information in the risk factors that may be related to HIV infection in different client populations, technical information on the implications of receiving a positive or negative test results, and an HIV antibody test if required.

ACT NOW FY96 (state - will be refunded) cost center 9691

The Department of Public Health has awarded The Cambridge Hospital \$216,106. for FY96. This award provides early screening and treatment health services to uninsured individuals during asymptomatic or early symptomatic stages of HIV infection.

HAITIAN MENTAL HEALTH FY96 (state - due for RFP for FY97) cost center 9666

The Department of Mental Health has awarded The Cambridge Hospital \$71,667. for FY96. This award provides mental health services to the growing and underserved immigrant Haitian population in the Cambridge and Somerville area.

CRISIS INTERVENTION FY96 (state - due for RFP for FY97) cost center 9686

The Department of Mental Health has awarded The Cambridge Hospital \$581,746. for FY96. The psychiatric emergency services at The Cambridge Hospital provides comprehensive treatment of persons in acute crisis; medical and psychiatric evaluations of patients, including direct management of psychiatric hospitalizations, and practical interventions in emergencies. Medical and psychiatric treatment are provided to patients in order to ameliorate, prevent and end crisis situations.

TRAINING FY96 (state - will be refunded with a \$89,334 decrease) cost center 9699

The Department of Mental Health has awarded The Cambridge Hospital \$756,332. for FY96. Funding provides a four year psychiatric residency training program that emphasizes basic psychiatric principals throughout a comprehensive curriculum. Training is provided in areas such as forensic administration, community and geriatric psychiatry, substance abuse, psychopharmacology, and crisis intervention.

SAFETY NET 7/95-9/95 (state - will be refunded) cost center 9584

The Department of Public Welfare has awarded The Cambridge Hospital \$2,250,000. for the period from July 1, 1995 through September 30, 1995. Funding is to be utilized for safety net services such as services to protect low income persons with AIDS, victims of substance abuse and addictions, trauma victims, high risk mothers and their neonates, and indigent persons without access to care who are often homeless.

SAFETY NET 10/95-6/96 (state - will be refunded) cost center 9585

The Department of Public Welfare has awarded The Cambridge Hospital \$6,750,000. for the period from October 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996. Funding is to be utilized for safety net services such as services to protect low income persons with AIDS, victims of substance abuse and addictions, trauma victims, high risk mothers and their neonates, and indigent person without access to care who are often homeless.

MEN OF COLOR FY96 (state - will be refunded) cost center 9698

The Department of Public Health has awarded The Cambridge Hospital

\$30,000. for FY96. In conjunction with the Men of Color Task Force of the Cambridge Health of the City Program, The Cambridge Hospital will develop a comprehensive outreach, education, preventative and primary health care, and job service program based at the Riverside Neighborhood Health Center. The program will target African-American males over the age of 15 in the Riverside neighborhood. An evening health clinic dedicated to serving men of color and offering primary care as well as health education and job readiness services will be established at the Riverside Neighborhood Health Center.

WOMEN, INFANT'S AND CHILDREN (WIC) FY96 (state-at risk/block grants) center 9605

Once again, the Cambridge based WIC program through The Cambridge Hospital was awarded funding for FY96. Based on caseload, funding has increased slightly to \$388,215. The WIC program provides nutritional assistance to participants during critical periods or growth and development in order to prevent health problems and to improve and maintain health status.

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE FY96 (state - will be refunded with \$4,757 decrease) 9661

The Victim and Witness Assistance Bureau has awarded The Cambridge Hospital's Victims of Violence program \$96,693. for FY96. The award provides psychiatric services to victims of crime and crime victimized communities. It is a significant training resource for graduate and post graduate clinical trainees, seasoned clinicians, and grass-roots service providers and organizations.

COMBINED PRIMARY CARE FY96 (state - will be refunded) cost center 9656

The Cambridge Hospital has been awarded \$128,108. in funding for FY96 to provide a well coordinated perinatal and pediatric multi-disciplinary program of family centered care with nurse midwives, obstetricians, nurse practitioners, pediatricians, social workers, nutritionists, outreach workers, and family advocates.

TEEN HEALTH FY96 (state - will be refunded) cost center 9681

\$81,000. has been awarded to the Hospital's Teen Health Center to provide for age appropriate, culturally sensitive, comprehensive primary health care services to youth including: athletic physicals, general health assessments, laboratory and diagnostic screenings, immunizations, first aid, injury and violence prevention, dental care, medical and mental health services as well as case management.

STD CLINIC FY96 (state - will be refunded) cost center 9642

The Cambridge Hospital has been awarded \$58,500 in cost reimbursement and \$96,975 in unit rate reimbursement for a total of \$155,475. This funding offsets expenses associated with service/visits performed at the clinic sites for FY96. The Sexually Transmitted Disease clinic works to reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases among residents of the Cambridge/Somerville area by educating about prevention, conducting examinations, and providing treatment for those who are already infected.

HAITIAN HIV/AIDS EDUCATION FY96 (state - will be refunded) cost center 9604

We have been awarded \$90,000. to the Haitian Outreach program for FY96. The program will provide HIV education, prevention and outreach to target populations in the Haitian community in Cambridge and Somerville. Outreach services will be performed through churches, schools and community organizations. The program is also designed to stability in health related matters. Program staff will implement this program with guidance from the

Cambridge and Somerville Haitian Health Coalition.

CHC/HIV FY96 (state - will be refunded) cost center 9671

The Cambridge Hospital's Multi-Disciplinary AIDS program has been awarded \$55,000 for FY96 to provide funding for community health center HIV education in high risk communities that target minorities, intravenous drug users and their sexual partners, gay and bisexual men, seropositive persons and pregnant women at risk for HIV infection.

RYAN WHITE 4/95-3/96 (federal - has been refunded thru 3/97) cost center 9644

The Boston Department of Health and Hospitals has refunded the Cambridge Hospital Multi-Disciplinary AIDS program for the period from 4/1/95 through 3/31/96 in the amount of \$233,009. The MAP program is a subcontract for Title I Ryan White C.A.R.E. It provides funding for mental health services (\$62,300), OB/Gyn services (\$16,989) and primary medical care services (\$153,720).

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FY96 (state - will be refunded ?? level)

The Cambridge Hospital has been awarded \$753,330. in funding from the Department of Mental Health to provide outpatient community mental health support services to priority clients in the Cambridge and Somerville area. The program also provides for Dual Diagnosis consultation and training to the DMH Metro Boston clinical and administrative staff.

FENWAY 10/01/95-9/30/96 (federal - demo project will not be refunded) 9646

Fenway Community Health Center, through the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, has awarded The Cambridge Hospital \$100,250. to provide a variety of medical and mental health services to HIV infected individuals.

HOMELESS BHH 11/94-10/95 (federal - will be refunded with a small cut) 9632

The City of Boston Department of Health & Hospitals has funded the hospital's Healthcare for the Homeless program in the amount of \$130,358. for the period of November 1, 1994 through October, 31, 1995. This award provides for physician, social work, registered nurse, and pharmaceutical support in the homeless clinics through the City of Cambridge.

HAPHI 1/96-6/96 (state - will not be refunded. one time only) cost center 9740

The Haitian American Public Health Initiative through the Department of Public Health is subcontracting to The Cambridge Hospital \$13,078 for the period from January 1, 1996 through June 30, 1996. The Cambridge Hospital will conduct outreach, education, and prevention activities for high risk Haitian youth in Cambridge, Somerville, and Chelsea.

TB CLINIC FY96 (state - will be refunded)

The Department of Public Health has awarded The Cambridge Hospital \$60,000 for FY96 to provide TB diagnostic testing and evaluation services to Cambridge and Somerville clients. This program is operated through the Hospital Outpatient Department.

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT FY96 (state - will be refunded)

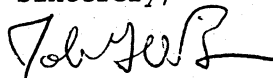
The Department of Mental Health has awarded The Cambridge Hospital \$259,000 in FY96 funding to provide a Supported Employment program. This program assists mentally impaired clients in the Cambridge & Somerville area in obtaining and maintaining gainful employment.

HRSA 10/96-9/97 (federal - due for RFP) cost center 9734

The U.S. Department of Health & Humans Services has awarded The Cambridge Hospital \$262,510 in funding for the Hospitals Multidisiplianry AIDS Program. The funding for this program assists clients in early prevention education and screening for the HIV virus.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



John G. O'Brien
Administrator

HUMAN SERVICES
- Grants and Contracts

GRANTS ACTIVITIES. Grants not appropriated during the budget process continue to provide major funding for services to homeless individuals, low and moderate income families, childcare services, adult basic education, older adults and low income fuel assistance clients. A number of the services described below are provided directly by Department of Human Service Programs staff; several are provided through subcontracts with community agencies.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE, EMERGENCY TRANSITIONAL ROOMS (\$207,136). This program provides for casework support from Department of Human Services staff, and for 25 contracted rooms at the YMCA for homeless men who are making the transition to permanent housing, and five similar rooms for women at the YWCA (renewal expected 7/1 with level funding.)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT, EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM (\$136,000). Authorized under the Stewart B. McKinney Act, these federal funds are used to assist Cambridge overnight and day shelter programs with operating and facility improvement monies, and other services for homeless persons (federal appropriations bill still unresolved, but reduction likely.)

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENT/HOUSING INTERCEPT PROGRAM (\$151,200). Department of Human Services staff provide housing search and homelessness prevention services to families, and stabilization services once they have been placed in permanent housing. The Department subcontracts with CEOC, Just-A-Start and the Cambridge Dispute Settlement Center for the Housing Services component of this contract, which includes counseling and mediation for tenants and landlords (renewal expected 7/1 at \$158,400.)

HUD SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (\$396,451). Administered through the City, this \$1.189 million three-year grant funds four Cambridge programs assisting homeless persons with housing and services. Programs include transitional housing for women provided by CASPAR and Shelter, Inc. and enhanced services at the Bread and Jams Self-Advocacy Center and at CASCAP (two additional years at level funding.)

FUND FOR HOUSING THE HOMELESS (\$26,661). This fund consists of private donations and proceeds from special events, such as a golf tournament. Funds are used to meet special needs of homeless persons being placed in permanent housing, such as apartment

security deposits or first month's rent (level depends upon local private donations and special events.)

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM (FEMA) (\$15,639). The United Way of Massachusetts Bay serves as a regional conduit for these funds. The City's allocation will be used for the fuel assistance needs of low-income households and to assist homeless individuals and families who are being placed in permanent housing, or households facing eviction (level reduced 3/96 from \$19,900.)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (\$194,117). This federal reimbursement is received through the Massachusetts Department of Education. An additional \$2,500 mini-grant was secured from Project Bread. The program was established to ensure that children receiving free or reduced-price meals during the school year would also receive nutritious meals during school vacation. The Department of Human Service Programs will operate approximately 36 meal sites around the city in the summer of 1996 (level funding expected for summer 1996; federal proposal for consolidation into block grant withdrawn; proposal pending for \$2,000 from State Department of Education for two new sites at MDC pools.)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL YEAR NUTRITION (\$10,000). This program provides partial reimbursement through the Massachusetts Department of Education to the City for high quality breakfasts and snacks offered to children in the Department of Human Services' thirteen childcare programs (level funding expected; federal proposal for consolidation into block grant withdrawn.)

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (\$268,585). This State Instructional grant matches the City's support of the adult learning programs at the Community Learning Center. (Although neither the appropriation level nor the administering agency, either DOE or the Regional Employment Board, is assured at this time, it is likely that funding will be level or increased. The House budget contains an increase, but the Senate budget is not developed yet.)

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, ADULT BASIC EDUCATION AND ESL (\$30,000). These federal funds administered through the state provide for classes at public housing sites. (These funds should continue subject to the same conditions as the DOE Instructional grant detailed above. Last year this was supplemented by an additional one-time grant of \$20,000 from the Cambridge Housing Authority.)

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION/ERI-ADULT LITERACY (\$40,000). These funds provide for services for residents of the Metro North area. (These funds should continue subject to the same conditions as the DOE Instructional grant detailed above.)

ADULT DIPLOMA PROGRAM IN THE WORKPLACE (\$2,000 from Neville Manor). This program assists employees of the nursing home in ABE and in earning their Adult Diplomas. (In FY96 this was phase-out money for employees who were completing their diplomas, and there is no chance of continuation.)

CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION/CLC FRIENDS (\$2,000). These funds will support planning and staff training on the use of technology. (Although this particular grant will not continue in FY97, the CLC has an application pending with the foundation for civic education.)

CAMBRIDGE HEADSTART (\$5,499). This contract provides for ESL and ABE and ASE classes for parents of Headstart children. (This contract is renegotiated each September.)

LEARNING TOGETHER (\$13,500). Originally developed through a subcontract with the School Department and continued with Office of Workforce Development funds, the Community Learning Center provides family literacy, ESL and computer literacy programming for Cambridge parents and children (funds ending 12/96.)

JOBS TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT/8% EDUCATION COORDINATION (\$32,803). Funds will be used to develop a school-to-work program for young adults in the areas of health and financial services, involving the Cambridge Hospital, Neville Manor Nursing Home, Fleet Bank, and the Office of Workforce Development. (The future of this project is uncertain, but may be refunded if JTPA survives.)

JOBS TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT/OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION (\$8,302). The Community Learning Center provides ESL/nurse assistant/home health aide training with the American Red Cross. Supplementary funds of \$5,532 were awarded from EDWAA (dislocated workers.) (In fact, ERI made no referrals of dislocated workers to the CLC. The program will not continue next year for programs like the one offered at the CLC. The funding system works best for community colleges with tuition-based programs with slots for individuals eligible for JTPA.)

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION/OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION (\$8,453). The Community Learning Center offers ABE/Health Caregiver training with the American Red Cross. (This program also received an award of \$3.075 from EDWAA, and is being discontinued for the reasons listed above under JTPA/Occupational Education.)

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION/COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PROGRAM (\$19,507). This grant pays for students to produce and disseminate health education materials in the areas of stress, nutrition and exercise. (Funded through tobacco tax money, there is no expectation this program will continue.)

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION/YOUNG ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES PROJECT (\$40,200). This project provides for specialized teacher training. (Continued funding is unlikely,

although not impossible.)

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION/EVENSTART (\$66,297). This federal money is administered through the state, and contracted to the School Department. Program components include early childhood education, parent support, home visits, and adult basic education as provided through a subcontract with the Community Learning Center, as a subcontractor. *(This should continue for one more year through the state, unless Congress takes unexpected action.)*

CHRIST CHURCH (\$3,000). This grant funds ESL classes for the general public at Cambridge church sites.

The Friends of the CLC have also granted the CLC \$8,214 to pay for one ESL class and computer aides.

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION/ADULT EDUCATION FOR THE HOMELESS (\$22,880 from 7/1/95 through 12/31/95). Federal funding for this program was eliminated in the budget rescission. Massachusetts DOE, however, is planning to set aside some funds from the general ABE budget for homeless education.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES, INC/CAREER PATHWAYS (\$41,098). The Office of Workforce Development is serving as administrator of these funds for subcontracts with the Cambridge Public Schools, Cambridge Community Services and Just A Start. The monies are used to coordinate internship programs and to provide direct case management services to health careers students at CRLS *(funding not expected to continue.)*

MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF SCHOOL TO WORK TRANSITION/CAREER PATHWAYS (\$65,000). The Office of Workforce Development (OWD) was the lead entity in securing this \$1.2 million grant over three years to Cambridge and seven surrounding school districts. Cambridge's first-year funds are designated for development of the Career Pathways system, involving the School Department, Just A Start, Cambridge Community Services and OWD. *(This grant is expected to continue at \$60,000 in FY97.)*

SUMMER JOBS/MARK ASHE COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (\$8,525). The Citywide Youth Employment Office received a total of \$8,525 in donations from 25 corporations, five individuals and the School Department in support of the Summer Jobs Campaign and the Mark Ashe Community Service Fund which placed three hard-to-serve youth in local community agencies *(expected to continue with similar funding.)*

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT/YOUTH EMPLOYMENT CENTER (\$10,000). THE Citywide Youth Employment Office received funds to support the Youth Employment Center at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School for providing information and referral services to 500 youth, and ongoing job-readiness, computer training and career exploration workshops *(expected to continue in FY97.)*

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS (\$41,988). The Council on Aging

annually receives an award from the State Elder Affairs Formula Grant Program. The award is used for a half-time Geriatric Outreach Substance Abuse Program counselor, and in support of transportation for elders (renewal expected at or above current level 7/1.)

LOW INCOME FUEL ASSISTANCE (\$1,349,237). The City of Cambridge is the only municipality currently operating a fuel assistance program in the Commonwealth. Both Cambridge and Somerville residents are eligible for these services. The program will serve approximately 3,200 households over the 1995-96 winter season with financial assistance for heating bills (oil or utility), and rental assistance if heat is included in the rent (additional funds expected 4/96; FY97 funding level unknown.)

CAMBRIDGE PERFORMANCE PROJECT. In addition to a \$2,300 contribution from the City, the Cambridge Performance Project, in conjunction with the Community and Youth Division, supports a citywide program of dance and drama, serving approximately 200 Cambridge youth each year in a variety of Community School sties and at Cambridge Cable TV. Funders include:

MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL (\$13,955)
GLOBE FOUNDATION (\$5,000)
CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (\$2,000)
BOSTON FOUNDATION (\$8,000)

These funding sources or similar private funders are considered likely to renew.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANT/MAYNARD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (\$3,000). These funds were received in addition to CDBG funds in support of Jamnastics programs; funding goes through 6/97. (The program is eligible to reapply for UDAG funds in the future.)

URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANT/FLETCHER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (\$4,000). These funds, available through 6/97, support a young mothers program which will provide educational workshops as well as an 18-week series of facilitated support group meetings. (The program is eligible to reapply in future funding rounds.)

URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANT/AREA IV YOUTH CENTER (\$25,000). This one-time grant supported creation of a sophisticated computer center and purchase of theater equipment. (The Center is eligible to reapply in each UDAG round.)

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION/CONSORTIUM COUNCIL (\$800). The Multicultural Task Force received this award in support of the development of a multicultural resource lending library. (Continuation funding is likely.)

CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (\$500). The Diversity Collaborative received this funding to provide a series of community forums to promote understanding of the history, traditions and current

circumstances of the diverse cultures in Cambridge and Somerville.
(Continuation funding is likely.)

The AREA IV CRIME TASK FORCE has received the following to support general operations through December 1996:

CAMBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY/DRUG ELIMINATION (\$20,000) (hoping for 1997 grant of \$5,000); Reapplications will be submitted to the following current funding sources: BOSTON FOUNDATION (\$20,000); A.C. RATCHESKY FOUNDATION (\$2,500); DRAPER LABS (\$1,000); and GOVERNOR'S ALLIANCE AGAINST DRUGS (\$2,500.)

CAMBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH (\$30,897). Under contract with the Housing Authority, after-school and summer recreation programming will be provided to youth residing in CHA properties, particularly Jefferson Park and Corcoran Park, including late night basketball, special trips, Community Schools' enrichment programming scholarships and summer day camp scholarships (expected to continue.)

Funds no longer available for Community and Youth programs in FY97 include:

MASSACHUSETTS AND NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION (\$4,000). This provided for a team of teens and adults who developed a computer education curriculum for teens to use with younger children, and a planning guide for groups wishing to create community service learning projects. The project was completed 4/96.

NORTH CAMBRIDGE STABILIZATION COMMITTEE (\$25,000). This grant supported renovation of spaces at the Gately Youth Center to create a computer lab and resource room.

NORTH CAMBRIDGE DRUG ELIMINATION GRANT (\$102,660). This federal grant supported creation of two after-school recreation and enrichment programs at the Fresh Pond Apartments and the Walden Square Apartments. Staffing for these successful projects has now been incorporated into the City budget.

NORTH CAMBRIDGE CRIME TASK FORCE. An \$18,000 grant from Boston Financial Management has terminated, as well as a \$10,000 contribution from the Cambridge Housing Authority. Efforts are underway to negotiate \$5,000 from the Housing Authority for the coming year. A \$20,000 proposal to the Boston Foundation and a \$10,000 proposal to the Mott Foundation/CTAP are pending.

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CENTERS FOR FAMILIES (\$149,980). This grant supports the development of school-linked, neighborhood-based family support services. (Continuation at level funding is expected.)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CENTERS FOR FAMILIES (\$4,316). This represents a subcontract with the Cambridge Partnership for Public

Education, the lead recipient of this grant. The funds support the Centers for Families training on the Parents-As-Teachers model, an approach for families with children ages zero to three years.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, CENTER FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION (CSAP) (\$80,000). The purpose of this five-year grant is to build and support a comprehensive, community-wide effort to prevent substance abuse in Cambridge, through the Substance Abuse Task Force. This will be accomplished through outreach and networking, training and education, peer leadership programs, training for bars and restaurants, media campaigns and promoting workplace interventions during the fifth year of operations, and an additional partial year extending into FY97. (No additional Partnership funds will be available from CSAP.)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, CENTER FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION (CSAP) (\$338,950). This grant funds the new Cambridge Prevention Coalition, which will work with the Hospital and Health of the City to integrate substance prevention into managed care. (If funds are available beyond this first year of operations, they will be awarded through a national competition.)

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH/TOBACCO EDUCATION (\$80,326). These funds, derived through the Commonwealth's cigarette tax, are used for targeted outreach and education regarding tobacco to populations deemed to be at particular risk for tobacco use. This group includes low income persons, linguistic minorities, people of color and women (renewal expected 7/1 at level funding.)

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH/TOBACCO CONTROL COALITION (\$70,000). These cigarette tax funds are used in the development of a citywide coalition, Cambridge United for Smoking Prevention (CUSP) to address issues related to tobacco, to increase awareness of tobacco's harmful effects and to coordinate the activities of the various Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program grantees serving Cambridge (renewal expected at level funding 7/1.)



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

SUSAN B. SCHLESINGER,
Assistant City Manager for
Community Development

TO: Robert W. Healy
City Manager

FROM: Susan B. Schlesinger *SBS*
Assistant City Manager for
Community Development

SUBJ: City Council Order #18 of April 1, 1996

DATE: April 23, 1996

The attached City Council Order requests a report on at-risk housing and community development programs administered by the Department of Community Development and the Department of Human Service Programs, as well as by the Cambridge Housing Authority.

The programs administered by the Community Development Department are described herein. A report from the Cambridge Housing Authority is attached. The Community Development Department report focuses on nine programs considered to be at-risk. Reflecting the City Council order, it is presented in the following format:

1. Programs about to expire
2. Programs at risk of being cut or defunded
3. CDBG program changes under consideration

Items #1 and #2 above include a description of the services each program provides. A separate memorandum outlines expanded efforts we think the City should consider to protect these programs and their funding.

Attachment

**REPORT TO CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
ON ENDANGERED FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE FUNDING
FOR CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROJECTS**

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This report has been prepared by the Cambridge Department of
Community Development in response to City Council Order #18 adopted
by the City Council on April 1, 1996.

PART I -- PROGRAMS ABOUT TO EXPIRE

Cambridge has great need for the below-described two Federal affordable housing programs that are about to expire.

1. Low-Income Housing (Expiring Use) Preservation Program

This Federal program provides funding to tenant groups, non-profit organizations, or public agencies to purchase existing privately-owned, Federally-subsidized rental housing. Among Cambridge rental housing projects in this category are 808 Memorial Drive, Huron Towers, 929 Massachusetts Avenue, and Rindge Towers Building Two.

When private owners built these developments in the 1960's and 1970's, they agreed to keep rents affordable for 20 years. Now these restrictions are expiring. The Federal "Preservation Program" was set up to deal with this problem (about 25,000 lower-income households in Massachusetts are at risk of displacement) -- but as of now the program is scheduled to expire on September 30, 1996.

The current year (Federal FY'96) funding of \$624 million -- still awaiting final approval -- can be spent out during subsequent years -- but this amount will meet only a fraction of the total national need, and neither the Administration nor the Congress are proposing to continue the program.

2. Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)

Since its inception in 1986, the Low Income housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program has been successful at attracting private investment for affordable rental housing. The program makes this investment practical for the private sector by providing tax credits in return for specific rental housing investments. Cambridge affordable housing developments that could not have gone forward without the Tax Credit Program include:

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| - | 808 Memorial Drive (pending) | - | 301 units (212 Tax Credit) |
| - | YMCA (Central House) | - | 128 units (all Tax Credit) |
| - | Brookline Street (Auburn Court) | - | 77 units (39 Tax Credit) |
| - | Swartz Properties | - | 59 units (41 Tax Credit) |
| - | St. Patrick's | - | 32 units (all Tax Credit) |
| - | Putnam Place | - | 12 units (all Tax Credit) |
| - | Market Street Housing | - | 12 units (all Tax Credit) |

Affordable housing projects for which LIHTC funding has been provided must rent to lower-income persons at below-market rents for at least 30 years. Both nonprofit and for-profit developers compete for these credits to finance

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construction or renovation of affordable housing for low-income individuals and families. According to the National Association of Home Builders, the program creates approximately 90,000 jobs a year, resulting in \$2.8 billion in wages and \$1.3 billion in tax revenue.

Although proponents are continuing to protest, as of now the Low Income Housing Tax Credits Program is slated to expire on September 30, 1996. Cancellation of this program will deprive Cambridge of a valuable financing tool for future use in developing affordable rental housing -- but it will not affect rental housing already developed with LIHTC funds.

PART II -- PROGRAMS AT RISK OF BEING CUT OR DEFUNDED

Future funding is at risk for the housing and community development programs listed below. These are programs that make possible City of Cambridge affordable housing and other projects that in one or more ways improve the quality of life for all Cambridge residents, and in particular the City's low and moderate income residents.

Federal Programs

1. CDBG (Community Development Block Grant Program) CDBG "entitlement funding" provides the key building blocks for housing and community development work in Cambridge, as well as in about 900 other "entitlement" cities and urban counties -- and in more than 3000 small cities -- throughout the nation. The Cambridge current-year CDBG grant is \$4.2 million -- higher than our 21-year average of \$3.4 million, but with a far lower purchasing power than our first grant (FY'76) because congressional appropriations have not kept up with inflation.

Congress and the Administration are close to final agreement on level funding of for the Federal FY'96 CDBG appropriation, which provides our next-year (FY'97) Cambridge CDBG grant. However, our FY'97 CDBG grant is estimated at \$3.9 million -- a cut of over six per cent. We have learned that this is mainly because HUD has put estimated 1994 demographic information into the data-base used for determining the size of our grant. We are now in the process of reviewing this action with HUD.

2. Youthbuild This program, cut from \$40 million last year to \$20 million in the current year, provides funds to build or rehabilitate affordable housing while concurrently training youth in construction skills. Just-A-Start recently completed a Youthbuild project on Hampshire Street.
3. Section 108 Loan Guarantees The Section 108 Program provides Federally-guaranteed loans at below-market interest rates and on custom-tailored repayment terms for a broad range of community development projects. Cambridge has secured two "Section 108" loans -- \$1million for the Auburn Court housing development in University Park, and \$1.5 million for the Hybridon biotech company building at 620 Memorial Drive. Federal FY'96 funding for Section 108 has been reduced to \$1.5 billion, from last year's \$2.1 billion.
4. HOME Program This entitlement program funds affordable housing projects, principally for individuals and families at the lower end of the moderate income range. Under the Program's funding formula, Cambridge received \$771,000 for the current year.

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5. Homeless Assistance Fund This fund is a consolidation of HUD's homeless-persons programs. It includes Emergency Shelter Grants, Transitional/Supportive Housing program, Section 8 Moderate Rehab-Single Occupancy, and Shelter Plus Care. The Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) is an entitlement, and Cambridge received \$136,000 this year under the funding formula.
6. Housing Opportunities for Persons With Aids This \$171 million competitive program has not been used by Cambridge to date. If suitable projects arise, funding will be applied for from the regional allocation administered by the City of Boston.
7. Lead-Based Paint Abatement This \$60 million competitive grant program has provided \$3,340,433 funding for **Lead Safe Cambridge** -- a deleading assistance program whose goals are the prevention of childhood lead poisoning and the maintenance of affordable lead-safe housing. Lead Safe Cambridge provides financial and technical assistance to private, residential property owners in Cambridge, as well as medical, temporary relocation, and educational services to their tenants. Eligible units must be occupied by children under six years old or a pregnant family member, or be vacant. Lead Safe Cambridge also provides community outreach and education to the City at large and collaborates with the Cambridge Hospital to operate the Lead Clinic.

Lead-Safe Cambridge has been given verbal assurances from HUD that a one-year no-cost extension extending the program until July, 1988 will be approved. The program will submit an application in May, 1996 per HUD instructions. Although Congress and the Administration have not yet reached final agreement on the proposed \$65 million Lead-Based Paint Abatement budget for Federal FY'96, we understand that HUD is ready to issue a Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) as soon as the budget is firm. If this occurs, **Lead-Safe Cambridge** will actively pursue this funding with the aim of extending services beyond July, 1988.

8. Housing Counseling A small (\$15 million) competitive program that provides funding to help lower income individuals and families with their housing problems.

State Programs

1. Homeless Intercept Program This State program funds municipal housing search and homelessness prevention efforts. Along with City funds, it also partially finances the Cambridge Housing Services Program, a program

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involving property owner and tenant counseling and mediation services aimed at homelessness prevention. The program is implemented by Just-A-Start, CEOC and the Cambridge Dispute Settlement Center. Although State funding for FY'97 currently appears secure, we consider this program at risk.

PART III -- CDBG PROGRAM CHANGES UNDER CONSIDERATION

During the past year and a half, the Congressional leadership's perception of the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Program has undergone a dramatic change. At the outset, the Senate Budget Committee leadership undertook a concerted effort to immediately cut CDBG's funding in half, with further reductions, perhaps a "zeroing out", implied for the years ahead. The house leadership was close behind. The Administration's support was weak.

Both the Senate and House leadership are now solidly behind CDBG, as is the Administration. A close approximation of level funding has been agreed to for Federal FY'96 (our FY'97 CDBG year), although the final appropriations package is still in the making. This turn-around for CDBG has come about as the result of nationwide grass-roots efforts to educate the leadership about CDBG. Cambridge did significant work as part of this effort. The U.S. Conference of Mayors was particularly effective.

However, the Congressional leadership in the House is preparing a CDBG "reauthorization" bill that combines CDBG and HOME into a single program. Conventional wisdom is that this would almost certainly lead to substantially decreased combined funding for the two programs. The proposed bill (although still only in the drafting stage) also makes harmful programmatic changes (for example, it reduces the percentage of the grant available for administration and comprehensive planning from its current 20% down to 5%).

Citizens and professionals knowledgeable about the CDBG Program are uniformly opposed to such a merger -- seeing in it no improvements in the existing two programs, but rather only a cloaked effort to reduce the funding of both.

Another potential problem for the CDBG cities in the northeast and midwest is the effort by the southern and western states to win Congressional support for a CDBG formula change that would greatly favor their own CDBG communities. A proposal released a year ago would, if enacted, reduce Cambridge CDBG funding by almost one-third. Fortunately, this proposal is currently on the shelf, in part because of powerful opposition from northeastern and midwestern legislators in the congressional leadership circles (e.g. Senator D'Amato) whose communities would be badly hurt by the formula change.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Susan B. Schlesinger
Assistant City Manager for
Community Development

FROM: Daniel J. Wuenschel, Executive Director
Cambridge Housing Authority

DATE: 16 April 1996

RE: *City Council Order #18 of April 1, 1996*



Herein please find information concerning federal and state program terminations and budget reductions affecting CHA programs.

Impacts on CHA Programs

1. The greatest losses to Cambridge's housing authority and its residents which have been experienced to date came in the form of the FFY 1995 Rescissions. As a result of the rescission of last fall, CHA lost the following:

- a) \$1 million in funds to develop new, additional public housing apartments.
- b) \$1 million in Comprehensive Grant (modernization) funds programmed for capital improvements to CHA's federal inventory.

While the loss of these funds hurts, we did manage to *preserve* some \$21 million which is earmarked for the substantial rehabilitation of Corcoran Park in West Cambridge and for the second and final phase of the redevelopment of Roosevelt Towers.

2. Perhaps more disturbing for their long-range implications are the funding levels for FFY 1996. We are now 7 months into the federal fiscal year and these funds have not yet been appropriated. "Subsistence type" funding is being made available by a series of continuing resolutions with the latest scheduled to expire on April 24th. Under the current continuing resolution we are funded as follows:

- A) No money is available for new public housing.
- B) The Modernization program has been funded at the "1995 POST RESCISSION" level which perpetuates the \$1 million annual loss for modernization at CHA.

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 - C) OPERATING SUBSIDY which combined with tenant rents is intended to cover the costs of the CHA's routine operation such as maintenance, supplies, resident services, utility payments and administrative salaries, has been funded at slightly less than last year and is calculated by HUD to be enough to cover only 90% of the costs incurred by a well-run housing authority.
3. Additionally, we are also being hurt by level and/or reduced funding by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in two critical areas:
- A) Public housing operating subsidies appear that they will be cut or level funded in the budget currently being fashioned in the State Legislature. An actual cut of 5% and level funding has occurred several times over the past 5 years. The effect on the CHA, particularly its preventive maintenance capabilities, is a cumulative one. Another year of level funding (at the same time as we experience reduced federal support) will continue this problem and make its impact more serious.
 - B) Funding for the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program is slated to be significantly cut for the fifth consecutive year. In this tenant-based assistance program all public housing authorities, including the CHA, lose units annually by attrition. The size of CHA's MRVP has shrunk by approximately 25% over the past four years and with no money for rental increases to landlords over the past four years, this trend will accelerate. Many landlords "opting out" of the MRVP have traditionally housed some of our resident citizens in small apartments and single room occupancy situations. At a time when the City is losing rent controlled apartments this is particularly problematic.

Finally, there is a menacing giant looming on our collective horizon embodied by Welfare Reform. Many welfare recipients are susceptible to the eventual termination of their benefits. If and when this happens, the "ripple effect" on the CHA (in the form of reduced rental income) and the City in general will call for potentially substantial crisis assistance.

The effects of the "Contract With America" are still very much with us.



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April 24, 1996

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Attached please find a report submitted in response to Awaiting Report Item No. 31 regarding State and Federal grant assistance received by the City. In total, the City will receive in excess of \$15,000,000 in state and federal grant assistance in the current fiscal year, exclusive of Schools. These grant monies are used to fund a wide variety of programs in Human Services, Public Safety, Community Development and Public Health. Many of the grants programs have been in place since the 1970's (Community Development Block Grant) and the City and its residents have become heavily dependent upon programs that they fund. At this point it is very difficult to accurately predict what funding levels will be in the various categories beyond FY97 (some in fact, face some uncertainty next year) until Congress settles its budget deliberations. What is possible to state, however, is that virtually every federal grant program faces scrutiny and thus some risk for reduction in the future, this scrutiny also will be placed on a variety of non-profit programs funded by the federal government.

I will continue to review actions at the federal level and advise the City Council of actions taken.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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A report submitted to the Finance
Committee Budget hearing held on
Wednesday, April 24, 1996 in response
to Awaiting Report Item No. 31
regarding state and federal grant
assistance received by the City.

In City Council April 29, 1996

Report Accepted 9-0-0.

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