

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 567

Approved August 26, 1983

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Funds for fiscal year 1984, under Section 106 (a) or (h) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and 1980 (Public Law 93-383), and

WHEREAS, The Statement of Objectives and Funding shall be filed with the Boston Area Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development as soon as possible,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island, hereby authorize the City of Providence, through its official representative, the Mayor, to file a Statement of Objectives and Funding with the Boston Area Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of obtaining Community Development Block Grant funds.

IN CITY COUNCIL

AUG 18 1983
READ AND PASSED

[Signature]
Clerk

APPROVED

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MAYOR

Councilman Turner (By Request)

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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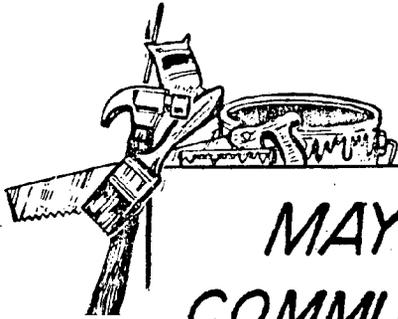
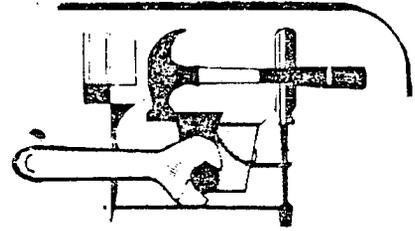
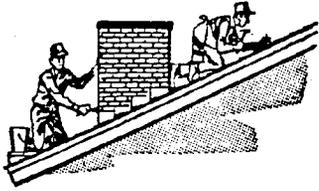
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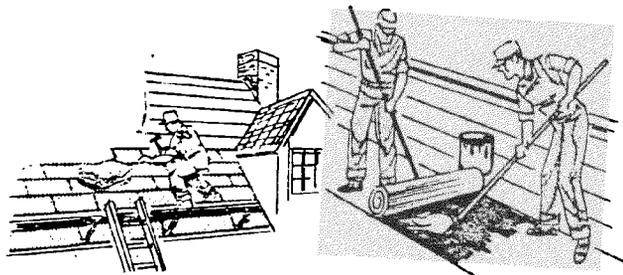
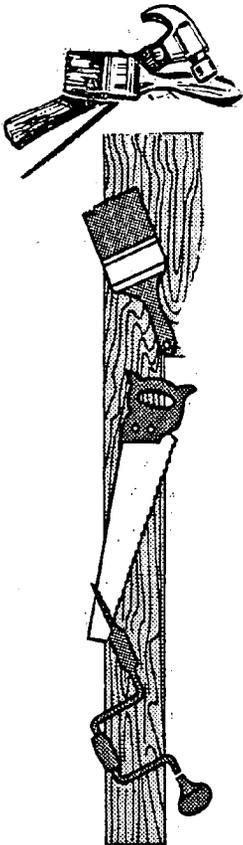


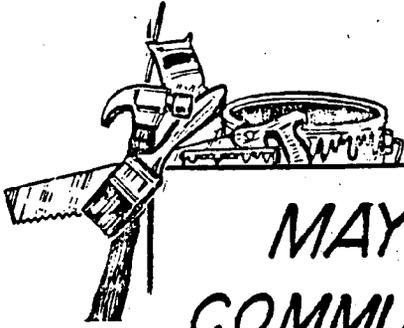
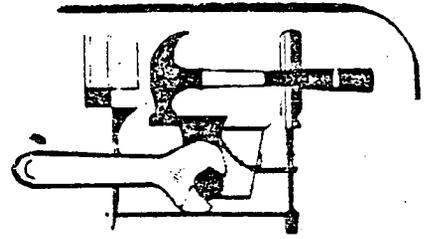
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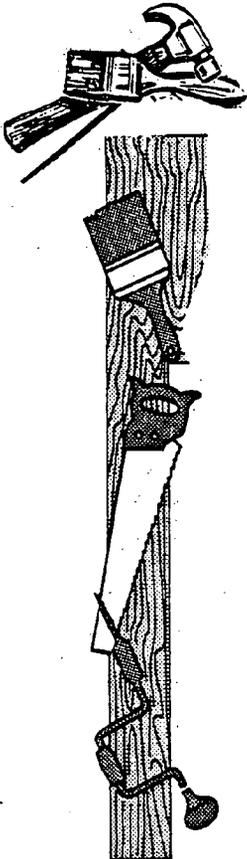


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Executive Chamber, City of Providence, Rhode Island

Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.
MAYOR

June 15, 1983

The Honorable Joseph Paolino
Council President
c/o Providence City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Councilman Paolino:

I am happy to present for the consideration of the City Council the Statement of Objectives and Budget Breakdown for the Community Development Block Grant for the City of Providence.

This is the 9th Program Year for the Mayor's Office of Community Development and we believe that this program budget reflects a well coordinated program of public services, physical improvements, home rehabilitation, and economic development activities to benefit all citizens of the City especially those of low and moderate income.

Thank you for your consideration of this budget, we look forward to the approval of the City Council.

Sincerely,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence

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STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

Funds authorized by the Community Development Block Grant for the City of Providence have provided significant improvements to the quality of life for all residents of the City most especially to those of low and moderate incomes. Significant improvements have occurred in the areas of residential rehabilitation, public services, community facilities, historic preservation, economic development and City infrastructure improvements.

The City of Providence has made progress in each of the areas mentioned above. Yet as is to be expected in an older metropolitan industrial city, much still needs to be done. Providence has suffered a decline in employment over the past 10 years and has suffered a decline in population as indicated by the 1980 U.S. Census.

The budget for Community Development Block Grant projects which is outlined here will continue successful past years programs which maximize impact of CDBG funds in a variety of Providence neighborhoods. The budgeted items address the most serious problems which face the City today.

Housing rehabilitation remains of vital importance to any revitalization strategy. The need to stabilize neighborhoods and offer assistance to individuals who cannot afford to make needed property repairs remains great. Therefore, the Home Improvement Program and the Elderly and Handicapped Paint Program will receive more than 1.5 million dollars from the 9th Year allocation.

The Community Development program has provided a network of community facilities throughout the City as providees of recreational health, daycare, youth, seniors and outreach services to the neediest persons. Again in this budget we propose to fund a coordinated program of public services primarily through community centers to meet these on-going needs.

Through the Mayor's Office of Community Development funding during all of the previous 8 years, neighborhood based non-profit groups have provided a variety of services to low and moderate residents of Providence. Again this funding year, we propose to fund groups who will provide in general, housing rehabilitation services to neighborhood residents. The funded groups will include Elmwood Neighborhood Housing Services, PPS Revolving Fund, West Broadway Incentive Corp., Fox Point Housing Corp., SWAP, South Providence Revitalization Committee and the Elmwood Foundation. These groups provide specialized services which are unavailable in City government agencies. Their record is generally very good. Marketing abandoned houses or property improvements in declining neighborhood requires local contact and a great deal of time. We believe that the successful completion of many such projects in neighborhoods throughout the City warrants the investment proposed.

The 9th funding year budget also proposes a significant investment in improvements to City streets and sidewalks. This investment is coordinated with other Community Development investments. The City Fire Department will also receive funding this year along with the Police Department to purchase equipment which will provide greater safety and security for low and moderate income residents.

Other priorities reflected in the 9th Year budget include funds for economic development and jobs retention, the continuing restoration of Roger Williams Park and historic preservation activities.

We believe that the budget as presented here offers the maximum impact possible from the Community Development Block Grant funds. The budget primarily assists low and moderate income persons to live in better housing, better neighborhoods and a cleaner, better maintained and more economically viable community.

BUDGET

HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.....	\$1,575,000
Home Improvements for Providence Elderly or Handicapped Paint Program	
PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS.....	800,000
46 programs	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
Providence Office of Economic Development.....	600,000
60-30-10 Program	
Providence Industrial Development Program.....	350,000
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING GROUPS.....	438,000
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS.....	350,000
ROGER WILLIAMS PARK.....	250,000
HISTORIC IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS.....	150,000
PROVIDENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY.....	100,000
PUBLIC SAFETY.....	1,035,000
LOCAL OPTION.....	400,000
ADMINISTRATION.....	<u>1,200,000</u>
 TOTAL ENTITLEMENT	 \$7,248,000

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
CITY OF PROVIDENCE
9TH PROGRAM YEAR

BUDGET NARRATIVE

HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Home Improvement for Providence

The Home Improvements for Providence or HIP program is one of the most important and well used programs offered by the Mayor's Office of Community Development. Through the HIP program, owner occupied 1-4 unit residential structures are rehabilitated. Assistance is in the form of a grant or low-interest loan (depending on income). Federal investment is secured by a lien to assure continued owner occupancy.

MOCD employs rehabilitation officers who visit each structure to determine the extent of work needed to eliminate Housing code violations and to make the structure safe and livable. Detailed work specifications are prepared and competitively bid. Work is constantly monitored to assure the best possible end result.

Through the HIP program more than 2300 structures have been assisted over the past 8 years. The 9th Year Budget proposes a funding level of \$500,000. Because of rising construction costs and program changes leading to more intensive rehabilitation of individual structures, we anticipate that approximately 40-50 structures will be located in all eligible areas of the City and will exclusively benefit persons of low and moderate income.

Elderly and Handicapped Paint Program

Elderly and handicapped homeowners in the City of Providence are assisted with exterior painting and minor carpentry repairs to their homes. Applicants must be either elderly or handicapped and with incomes less than \$1325 per month. Work specifications are prepared and work is competitively bid.

Since this program is for exterior repairs only, the neighborhood impact is very significant. The program averages approximately \$1500 per structure. In the past year alone, nearly 900 structures were painted and repaired. This expenditure has had significant impact on every neighborhood in the City. The visual improvement generated by this program has encouraged other homeowners to make improvements to their own property.

Eldery and Handicapped Paint Program (continued)

This year, we propose to allocate \$575,000 to the Elderly and Handicapped Paint Program. We anticipate that approximately 350 homes can be painted in this coming program year. Since Providence has a large population of low and moderate income elderly/handicapped homeowners so the demand and need continue to be great.

The balance of funds indicated in the 9th Year Budget, \$500,000 represents the administrative cost incurred for the above two programs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Programs offered by the Office of Economic Development encourages new investment in commercial property by providing low interest, short-term loans in combination with incentive grants to the owners or tenants of obsolete, deteriorated, under-utilized or vacant commercial property for improvements.

OED tries to improve the appearance of commercial districts, preserve the architectural heritage of the City, upgrade structures, stabilize and increase employment opportunities and to the greatest extent possible leverage private sector investment.

The 60-30-10 program as described above has assisted 63 businesses. These projects have made significant improvements to commercial areas in low and moderate income areas. The Broad Street, Elmwood Avenue area has received 13 projects while other major corridors assisted include Smith Street (Smith Hill), Atwells Avenue (Federal Hill), and Charles Street (North End). These local, neighborhood commercial areas are continuing to be revitalized with private funds.

This program will continue in the 9th Year with an allocation of \$600,000 which will include program funds and administrative expenses for the Office of Economic Development.

PROVIDENCE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The PIDC program became operational in early 1980. Through its varied program of economic development activities, more than 15 different firms have either expanded or started business in the City of Providence with the result of the retention or creation of more than 500 jobs.

PIDC has been very successful in leveraging private funds, only 11% of the \$6.5 million in investment in industrial development activities has been contributed by PIDC. The PIDC services also extend to information and referrals for businesses interested in the City of Providence as well as information regarding acquisition, land and building searches, venture capital assistance and equipment financing.

Through the various business assistance provided by PIDC the economic climate of Providence is improving benefiting all citizens.

The MOCD proposes through the 9th Year program budget to contribute \$350,000 to the PIDC programs. These funds will be used for the revolving loan fund as well as administrative expenses.

PUBLIC SERVICES

The Mayor's Office of Community Development has made and fulfilled a commitment to the construction/rehabilitation of community centers throughout the low and moderate income areas of the City. These centers provide facilities for seniors programs, youth and after school day care, full service day care and neighborhood outreach. MOCD has also committed funds to provide public service programming in the community centers and in some necessary cases outside the center network.

Community centers are located in South Providence, Smith Hill, Olneyville, the North End, Washington Park, Hartford Park, Mount Hope, Silver Lake, West End, Federal Hill and Elmwood. Programs which will be provided this year include Seniors programs, Intake, Tutorial Day Care, and Youth. A total of 46 different programs are provided for needy citizens of Providence. Programs not operating from community centers include the LIVE programs which offer educational and cultural enrichment for inner city children, Public Housing Security service for 4 public housing projects, and a senior citizens transportation service.

In the 9th Program Year budget, \$800,000 has been allocated from the CDBG entitlement amount for Providence, an equal amount will be allocated from funds allocated through the Emergency Jobs Bill funds for the City. The City policy reflects the need and demand for these services which we believe are best provided in a neighborhood based decentralized fashion. (NOTE: The Mayor of Providence has requested from HUD the waiver necessary to allocate and spend more than 10% of entitlement funds in the public service category!)

NEIGHBORHOOD BASED NON-PROFIT HOUSING GROUPS

The allocation specified for neighborhood based non-profit housing organizations in the City from the 9th Year Budget is \$438,000. Neighborhood based non-profit groups play a significant role in the housing revitalization strategy for the City. The in-house MOCD funded rehabilitation programs can provide only a portion of services needed. The neighborhood based services provide services which are more specialized both by the nature of the service and the geographic area served.

Among the groups which will receive funding in the 9th Program Year are:

Elmwood Neighborhood Housing Services

Provides housing counseling, home purchase and sales assistance, technical rehabilitation counseling and a high risk revolving loan fund for residents of the Elmwood Neighborhood. Ten financial institutions, City departments and neighborhood residents make up a partnership that tries to stimulate both physical development activities and neighborhood pride. Funds will be provided for administrative support.

Providence Preservation Society Revolving Fund

Provides low or no interest historic preservation loans to owner occupants in a low income area designated as a historic district. These loans provide assistance to low and moderate income homeowners for the purpose of exterior rehabilitation of important properties in the Armory/West Broadway Historic District. Funds will be provided for loans and administrative support.

Providence Preservation Society Marker Program

Provides funds for research and installation of markers for historically significant homes in low and moderate income areas of Providence.

West Broadway Incentive Corporation

Provides a neighborhood liaison between residents and City staff and programs for low and moderate residents of the West Broadway neighborhood. Services include assisting residents to apply for MOCD funded rehabilitation programs and the PPS revolving loan fund program. Funds are provided for a single salary item for this program.

Elmwood Foundation

Provides services to residents of the Elmwood neighborhood concerning historic preservation. Significant portions of Elmwood are designated as historic districts while Elmwood has suffered serious decline in income, home ownership and increases in low income populations, property abandonment and deterioration. Services include promotion of home ownership and a burglar alarm installation program for low and moderate income residents of the neighborhood. Assistance is provided to residents interested in historic preservation projects and the Elmwood Foundation recently completed the restoration of the Trinity Gate Lodge (a historic structure) in the neighborhood. Funds are provided for administrative costs.

Fox Point Housing Corporation

Provides housing counseling and housing development services for low and moderate income residents of Fox Point, an older ethnic gentrifying neighborhood. Funds provided this year will assist in the completion of the planning and design phases of a low cost, locally owned cooperative housing project (scattered site) in the Fox Point neighborhood.

Stop Wasting Abandoned Property

Provides counseling and other services to persons interested in the purchase and rehabilitation of abandoned houses in Providence. SWAP tries to match interested buyers with appropriate houses and assist homesteaders in the rehabilitation process. MOCD grants are available to income eligible clients.

South Providence Revitalization Committee

Provides housing services to low and moderate income residents of South Providence through an elderly and handicapped paint program, development of a 193 unit scattered site Section 8 assisted family housing project and a vacant lot clean-up program.

These neighborhood based programs clearly provide critically needed housing services for low and moderate income residents while maintaining the local contact needed to make such programs as described here effective.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

In the 9th Year, the amount of \$300,000 is allocated for a program of public improvements (street and sidewalk reconstruction) in low and moderate income areas of the City. Most of the allocation will be spent in designated urban renewal areas. These residential areas are in need of physical development activities to achieve the goals of revitalization expressed in the previously approved redevelopment plans.

ROGER WILLIAMS PARK

During the past 8 years, the Mayor's Office of Community Development has invested several million dollars in the revitalization of Roger Williams Park, a unique urban recreation resource for the City of Providence. The Park is a historic area with a variety of buildings and both passive and active recreation sites.

This year's CDBG program budget allocates the amount of \$250,000 for Phase I of the restoration of the historic Zoo Barn. This exterior restoration will halt the serious deterioration of this structure.

HISTORIC IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

Since the City of Providence contains so many historically significant homes and buildings, funds have been allocated in all CDBG years to assist in the restoration of these properties. In this year, the amount of \$150,000 is allocated to provide grant funds for a portion of the cost of renovations to important structures in the City. Buildings will be chosen for grants based on their overall importance to the City's heritage.

PROVIDENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Providence Housing Authority has applied to the Department of Housing and Urbsn Development for approximately 13 million dollars to be used for a rehabilitation and modernization project at the Chad Brown Housing Project. These funds will make the project suitable once again for occupancy by low income families. The City of Providence is urgently concerned that these funds be made available for the Chad Brown project and has, through the Mayor's Office of Community Development, made a commitment to provide physical improvements and recreation resources as a local contribution to the overall rehabilitation effort.

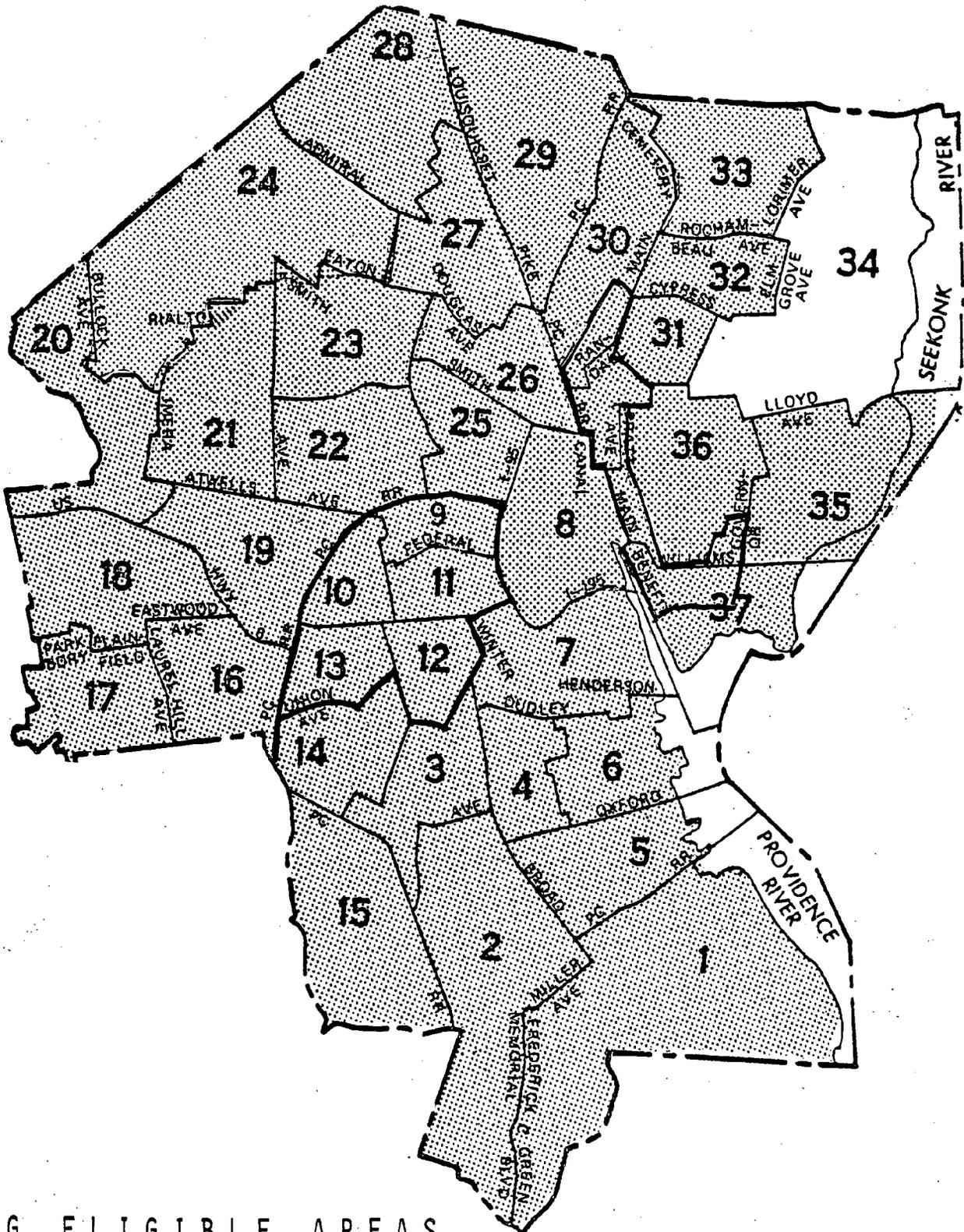
In the 9th Program Year, the amount of \$100,000 has been allocated to pay for planning design and architectural cost of these physical improvements and perhaps a minor amount of construction. We hope to be able to allocate substantially larger sums over the next 2-3 years.

PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT

In order to provide greater safety and security for low and moderate residents of Providence, this year's budget allocates \$1,035,000 in CDBG funds to be used for public safety improvements. These improvements will either occur in or will purchase equipment to be used in low and moderate income neighborhoods.

Specific items will include purchase of police cars, a police van, communications equipment, new fire trucks (2), refurbishing 4 other fire trucks and other fire fighting equipment.

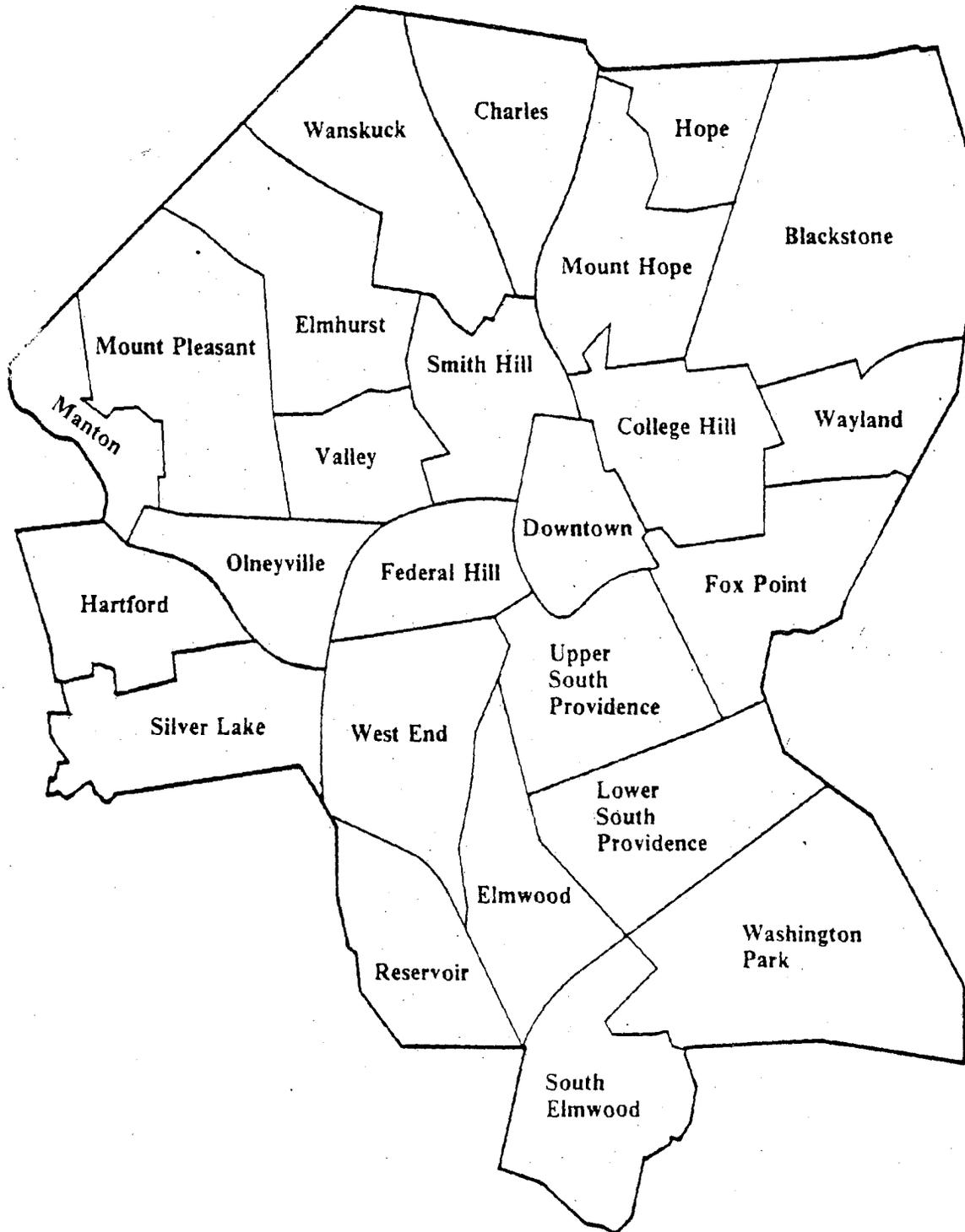
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CDBG ELIGIBLE AREAS

1980 CENSUS TRACTS

NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGNATIONS



CERTIFICATIONS

The grantee hereby assures and certifies that it will comply with the regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements with respect to the acceptance and use of Federal funds for this federally-assisted program. Also, the grantee gives assurances and certifies with respect to the grant that:

- (a) It possesses legal authority to make a grant submission and to execute a community development and housing program;
- (b) Its governing body has duly adopted or passed as an official act a resolution, motion or similar action authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the grantee to submit the final statement, all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the grantee to act in connection with the submission of the final statement and to provide such additional information as may be required.
- (c) That prior to submission of its final statement to HUD, the grantee has met the citizen participation requirements, prepared its final statement of community development objectives and projected use of funds, and made the final statement available to the public, as required by section 104(a)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;
- (d) It is following a current housing assistance plan which has been approved by HUD and which meets the requirements of section 104(c)(1) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.
- (e) It has developed its final statement of projected use of funds so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; the final statement of projected use of funds may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available;
- (f) Its chief executive officer or other officer of the grantee approved by HUD:
 - (1) Consents to assume the status of a responsible Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and other authorities as specified in 24 CFR 58.1(a)(3);
 - (2) Is authorized and consents on behalf of the grantee and himself/herself to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the purpose of enforcement of his/her responsibilities as such an official; and
- (g) The grant will be conducted and administered in compliance with:
 - (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352) and implementing regulations issued at 24 CFR Part 1;
 - (2) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Pub. L. 90-284), as amended, and implementing regulations;

- (3) Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and the regulations issued pursuant thereto (24 CFR Section 570.601);
 - (4) Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135;
 - (5) Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Orders 11375 and 12086 and implementing regulations issued at 41 CFR Chapter 60;
 - (6) Executive Order 11063 as amended by Executive Order 12259 and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 107;
 - (7) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Pub L. 93-112), as amended and implementing regulations when published for effect;
 - (8) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (Pub. L. 94-135) and implementing regulations when published for effect;
 - (9) The relocation requirements of Title II and the acquisition requirements of Title III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 42;
 - (10) The labor standards requirements as set forth in 24 CFR §570.605 and HUD regulations issued to implement such requirements;
 - (11) Executive Order 11988 relating to the evaluation of flood hazards and Executive Order 11288 relating to the prevention, control, and abatement of water pollution;
 - (12) The flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, (Pub. L. 93-234).
 - (13) The regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements of OMB Circular Nos. A-102, Revised, A-87, A-110, and A-122 as they relate to the acceptance and use of Federal funds under this federally-assisted program;
- (h) No member, officer, or employee of the Grantee, or its designees or agents, no member of the governing body of the locality in which the program is situated, and no other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to the program during his/her tenure or for one year thereafter, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or subcontract, or the proceeds thereof, for work to be performed in connection with the program assisted under the Grant, and that it shall incorporate, or cause to be incorporated, in all such contracts or subcontracts a provision prohibiting such interest pursuant to the purposes of this certification;
- (i) It will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act which limits the political activity of employees;
- (j) It will give HUD and the Comptroller General or any authorized representatives access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the grant;
- (k) It will comply with the lead based paint requirements of 24 CFR Part 35 Subpart B issued pursuant to the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.).