

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 143

Approved March 17, 1978

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR SECOND YEAR ACTIVITIES UNDER SECTION 302(a) OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT AS AMENDED IN 1974

WHEREAS, Section 302(a) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act, as amended in 1974, authorizes the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce to make planning grants to cities to strengthen city economic development planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Providence deems it necessary and in the public interest (1) to develop a systematic approach to analyze the local economy, (2) to define development goals, (3) to determine project opportunities and (4) to formulate and implement a development program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Providence has by Resolution No. 46, approved on January 28, 1977, authorized the filing of a first year program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Providence desires to continue said program for a second year; and

WHEREAS, said Section 302(a) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act, as amended in 1974, provides for 75 per centum of the estimated cost of such activities or undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Providence, in order to obtain said Economic Development Planning Grant, must assume the local share which is 25 per centum of the total estimated cost of \$106,400. to be met by \$23,600. in in-kind services and \$3,000 in contractual services under the Downtown Economic Study funded through the Mayor's Office of Community Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Providence as follows:

1. It is hereby found necessary and in the public interest to make an application to the Economic Development Administration for an Economic Development Planning Grant under Section 302(a) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-136) as last amended (Public Law 94-273) for the aforementioned study.

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2. The Department of Planning and Urban Development is hereby authorized and designated as the representative of the City for the filing of an application with the Economic Development Administration, to prepare all requisitions and documents necessary for the receipt of funds from said Economic Development Administration, and to do all work necessary to carry out the terms of any contract between the City and the Economic Development Agency arising out of said application for an Economic Development Planning Grant.

3. That United States of America and the Economic Development Administration be, and they hereby are assured of full compliance by the City of Providence with all regulations of the United States Government effectuating the receipt of Federal grants under the Public Works and Economic Development Act as amended.

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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January 11, 1978

The Honorable City Council
Mrs. Rose M. Mendonca, City Clerk
City Clerk's Office
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mrs. Mendonca:

Since April, 1977, a small staff within the Department of Planning and Urban Development has been assigned the task of preparing an economic development plan for the City of Providence. The overall objective of the economic planning effort is to increase the City's capability to initiate and implement an on-going and comprehensive economic planning and development process aimed at reducing citywide unemployment and improving the viability of the City as a prime location for diverse economic activities.

The aforesaid staff is funded primarily by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce with the City of Providence participating with a contribution of in-kind services through the Department of Planning and Urban Development.

City Council Resolution No. 46, approved January 28, 1977 authorized the filing of an application for the first year's activities wherein the proposed \$100,000 cost was to be funded \$75,000 by EDA and \$25,000 through in-kind City services. A pre-application for funding the program for a second year is now being submitted to the EDA, and calls for an annual budget of \$106,400 of which \$23,600 will be the in-kind contribution of the City; \$3,000 in contractual services under the Downtown Economic Study funded through the Mayor's Office of Community Development; and a \$79,800 planning grant from EDA.

Summarized below, for your review, are the activities of the program during the first year and proposed activities for the second year.

During the first program year (which ends on March 31, 1978) the economic development planning staff focused efforts on three interrelated activities:

1. The development of an in-depth understanding of the local economy through the assembly and analysis of a comprehensive economic data base for the City.
2. Addressing such key economic issues as the revitalization of neighborhood business districts; development of the Port of Providence; downtown economic renewal; and industrial development.

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3. Establishment of an economic planning process by means of coordination and cooperation with many groups in the public and private sectors. The planning staff has also been instrumental, in an analytic capacity, in several specific projects currently underway in the City.

The proposed second year work program consists of refining and extending areas identified and developed in the first year, with increased emphasis on economic development policy and strategy formulation. The 302a staff will continue to attempt to strike an effective balance between a response to the critical economic development needs of the community and the establishment of a comprehensive economic planning process.

There are four highly interdependent program elements to the proposed work effort of the 302a staff in the coming year, namely: policy formulation; development programming; coordination; and research and analysis. Staff effort, in each of these program elements, will be centered on three geographic and three functional areas. The geographic focus encompasses the 26 neighborhood commercial business districts, the Port of Providence, and downtown Providence. Functionally, the planning process will be aimed at industrial development, the economy of the public sector, and special projects.

This planning effort has proven to be an increasingly important staff capability within the City during the past nine months, and promises to be even more critical to the City's ability to effectively manage and control public and private development activities in the future. The federal government, through this EDA planning grant, will provide the City with the opportunity to continue efforts to establish this capability. I strongly urge your support. Accordingly, the attached original and ten copies of the required form of resolution, which largely duplicates the one approved by the City Council on January 28, 1977, is presented for submission to the City Council for its early approval.

Sincerely,


Stanley Bernstein
Director

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Attachments