

## City of Providence

PASSED

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER

No. **AN ORDINANCE** AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR THE FUNDING UNDER THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, FOR FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ENTITLEMENT FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, 1980.

*Approved*

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

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

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Providence, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island, hereby authorizes the City of Providence, through its official representative, the Mayor, to file an application for Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Funds for the fiscal year, 1980, under Section 106 (a) or (h) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, (Public Laws 93-383) to do all acts necessary to successfully acquire said funds.

SECTION 2. The Budget for expenditure of Funds under said application shall be as follows:

1.	Administration	\$ 1,385,290.00	
2.	Local Option	488,000.00	
3.	Economic Development	250,000.00	
4.	Roger Williams Park	300,000.00	
5.	Downtown	550,000.00	
6.	Neighborhood Facilities	395,000.00	
	(a).	Elmwood Community Center	\$ 175,000.00
	(b).	Smith Hill Community Center	110,000.00
	(c).	Dudley Street Recreation Center	110,000.00
7.	S.W.A.P.	200,000.00	
8.	Neighborhood Strategy Areas	2,951,347.00	
	(a).	West End-(of which \$155,000.00 will be allocated for West Broadway Area).	664,876.00
	(b).	Smith Hill	490,298.00
	(c).	Federal Hill	490,298.00
	(d).	South Providence	504,282.00
	(e).	Elmwood	420,375.00
	(f).	Olneyville/Manton/Joslin	381,218.00
9.	None - N.S.A.'s	\$ 2,088,570.00	
	(a).	Fox Point	222,000.00
	(b).	North End	354,681.00
	(c).	Washington Park	346,681.00

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(d).	Silver Lake	\$ 333,781.00
(e).	Mount Hope	339,431.00
(f).	Hartford	274,031.00
(g).	Balance of City	217,965.00

SECTION 3. No funds received under said Act shall be allocated for specific projects nor expended without the approval of the City Council.

SECTION 4. The Mayor and City Council may require any and all information relative to the expenditure of Community Development Act Funds and at any time conduct investigations pursuant to the existing provisions of the City Charter and shall require that all employees of the said program shall be qualified electors and residents in the City of Providence, Rhode Island.

SECTION 5. Upon the written request of the City Council of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, names, addresses and salaries of all personnel engaged in this program shall be submitted to the said Council.

SECTION 6. There shall be submitted to the City Council and the Citizens Review Board by the Finance Director of the Community Development Act, on a monthly basis a line item budget showing (a) Project Account, (b) Amount budgeted, (c) Amount expended, (d) balance.

SECTION 7. The Mayor shall submit to the City Council and the Citizens Review Board on a Quarterly basis, a narrative progress report on each program including supporting data.

SECTION 8. The Mayor shall be responsible for negotiating all contracts with outside agencies subject to approval by Ordinance of the City Council.

SECTION 9. Amendments to the Community Development Program during the program year necessitating the reallocation of funds or the designation of new activities shall be subject to at least one Public Hearing, review by the Citizens Review Board and final approval by Ordinance of the City Council.

SECTION 10. That the attached findings shall be incorporated into this Ordinance and the recommendations shall be deemed to be ordered pursuant to this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage by the City Council.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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**THE COMMITTEE ON  
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
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**Approves Passage of  
The Within Ordinance**

**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
RENEWAL & PLANNING**

*Rae M. Mendonca*  
*Clerk* Chairman  
*April 2, 1979*

## COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, RENEWAL AND PLANNING

### I. FINDINGS

The City Council Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning acting by authority of the City Council by resolution on February 15, 1979 held several meetings and a public hearing while reviewing the Community Development Application for 1979-1980. In review were the Community Development Block Grant for the previous years by ordinance of the City Council, the current application data available for 1979-1980, the Citizen's Participation Plan in force since August 1978, and all available recorded testimony in reference to the election of the South Providence Steering Committee. Available documents reviewed from the federal office of H.U.D. included the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, H.U.D. Regulation 24 CFR 570 and a sample standard application form 424. The Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning after reviewing all pertinent data and after having held its public hearing and subsequent to that, having reviewed the final Citizens Review Board recommendations, submits its findings and recommendations.

#### I. Findings:

A. That the Citizens Participation Plan as submitted by Mayor's Office of Community Development in written form as required by H.U.D. regulations in August 1978 and governing the Citizens Participation process is adequate and thorough but was generally unenforced; that Mayor's Office of Community Development failed to initiate the citizen participation process in accordance with its own timelines or in sufficient time to allow significant citizens input.

B. That the Neighborhood Strategy Area concept as mandated by H.U.D. has not been adequately addressed.

C. That three of the NSA's have had deducted from their allocation, neighborhood facilities funds which should have been completed in previous years as they were in other neighborhoods, and which, seriously reduce the allocation of funds to those neighborhoods most in need.

D. That H.U.D. has inadequately monitored the Mayor's Office of Community Development fiscal and internal budget process resulting in delay and ever increasing administrative costs.

E. That although H.U.D. allows up to 20% for administrative costs, this years increase over last years administrative costs amounts to approximately 35%, an amount the committee finds excessive.

F. That the Mayor's discretionary funds or local option constitutes an infringement on the options of the neighborhoods and can be reduced substantially without affecting any planned set asides.

G. That the Downtown allocation is also an infringement on the neighborhood options and can be reduced.

H. That Mayor's Office of Community Development has failed to comply with an ordinance passed by the City Council in previous years when amending CD budget and/or re-allocating funds within CD which require Council approval.

I. Findings: That there were numerous inequities and irregularities in the election of the South Providence Steering Committee.

J. That the current CD Neighborhood plan excludes a significant area of the East Side - Mt. Hope section which is almost identical in population and geographic need.

K. That the proposal by S.W.A.P. has been left in the unfortunate position of not being adequately addressed because of the change from city-wide status to neighborhood status.

L. West End-West Broadway. That the West End - West Broadway is a unique area containing two target districts with a proportionately greater need for funds and need for seperate jurisdictions within its neighborhood.

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II. Recommendations

A. That the Citizen Participation Plan should be implemented in its entirety, and; that the process begin far in advance of the scheduled federal submission date to allow for adequate citizen input, and; that the procedure for electing neighborhood steering committee be guided by normal accepted democratic process in the future.

B. That the Neighborhood Strategy Concept be implemented and adhered to by concentrating a proportionately larger share of the funds allocated in the future.

C. That the funds for the completion and/or start up of neighborhood facilities be funded from city-wide costs so as to allow for greater funding in those areas most in need, which it appears would be penalized under the current formula.

D. That H.U.D. clarify and direct Mayor's Office of Community Development in maintaining adequate bookkeeping procedures so as to remove any further hindrances to the operation of <sup>Community Development</sup> ~~Civil Defense~~ programs and that H.U.D. continue to monitor M.O.C.D. on a quarterly basis to insure that funds allocated are being utilized for maximum impact.

E. That the Local option or Mayor's contingency be reduced (including all satellites and contractees) to allow for more money to be spent on neighborhood programs.

F. That the cost of administering M.O.C.D. be reduced substantially and savings reallocated to neighborhood projects.

G. That the Downtown allocation be reduced and reallocated to the neighborhoods to provide greater emphasis in those areas most in need.

H. That M.O.C.D. be required to comply with Ordinance passed in previous years and in the current year to seek City Council approval before making amendments and/or reallocating funds within the Civil Defense budget.

I. That there be a new election for the South Providence Area conducted under the supervision of M.O.C.D. with particular emphasis on notification of residents of South Providence, upper and lower, and

requiring normal guarantees, and; that all budgetary considerations for the South Providence Area await the results of this new election and be determined by the newly elected South Providence Steering Committee.

J. That the East Side-Mount Hope Area shall be redefined to extend down Hope Street to Olney, and down Olney to North Main to Rochambeau.

K. In addition to the \$200,000 city-wide allocation to S.W.A.P., it should receive whatever additional funds will be voted for it by the neighborhood steering committees for the use of its program, as needed.

L. That the West End - West Broadway Neighborhood should continue to be an N.S.A. area, but with an approximately 25% to 30% larger share of funds, which excess should be set aside for the West Broadway Area to be allocated by the West Broadway Steering Committee.