

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 297

Approved June 17, 1996

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
RHODE ISLAND TO FILE AN ANNUAL PROGRAM
DESCRIPTION AND BUDGET UNDER THE HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS: the City of Providence is interested in the continuation of the Community Development Block Grant, the HOME Investment Partnership and the Emergency Shelter Grant programs in its neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS: these programs provide funding to important programs in the areas of housing, public facilities expansion, rehabilitation, human services, services to the homeless and economic development and

WHEREAS: the City of Providence, Rhode Island is eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant entitlement funds in the 22nd Program Year beginning July 1, 1996 and ending June 30, 1996 under Section 106(a) and (h) of Total I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1984 in the amount of \$7,779,000 and will also receive Emergency Shelter Grant funds in the amount of \$202,000 and will also receive HOME Investment Partnership Program funds in the amount of \$1,844,000 and

WHEREAS: the Annual Program and Budget shall be filed with the New England Region Office of the United States Department of Housing and urban Development as soon as possible,

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Providence, State of Rhode Island, hereby authorizes the City of Providence through its official representative, the Mayor to file such Annual Program and Budget with the New England Region Office of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of obtaining Community Development Block Grant entitlement, Emergency Shelter Grant and HOME Investment Partnership funds.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUN 6 1996
READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED

Evelyn V. Fargnoli
ACTING PRES.

Michael R. Clement
CLERK

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JUN 17 1996
Vincent A. Cianci
MAYOR

Carroll *President* *Petersen* *Chairman*

IN CITY COUNCIL
April 18, 1952
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THE COMMITTEE ON
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The Within Ordinance
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JOHN F. PALMIERI
Director



VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor

Department of Planning and Development

"Building Pride In Providence"

April 10, 1995

James A. Petrosinelli, President
City Council
City of Providence

Dear Council President Petrosinelli:

I am very happy to present for the consideration of the City Council, on behalf of Mayor Cianci and the thousands of Providence citizens who benefit from funded projects and services, the annual resolution authorizing the submission of the Community Development Block Grant Program Description and Budget and program descriptions for the HOME Investment Partnership Program (administered by the Providence Plan Housing Corporation) and the Emergency Shelter Grant operating support for several homeless service providers

The Program Year for all three programs will begin on July 1, 1996. We respectfully request that the City Council accept this resolution. The Council Committee on Urban Redevelopment Renewal and Planning will review the proposed budgets and program descriptions as required. I hope that the Committee will be ready to suggest passage of this resolution on June 6, 1996.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Palmieri".

John F. Palmieri
Director

cc: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.

AMENDMENT TO ANNUAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND BUDGET

"Exhibit to No. 45 - Resolution Authorizing CDBG Program"

Page 6 last line, delete the following: "Chalkstone Avenue Improvements - Sidewalks and tree plantings," under name of Project or activity.

Also delete: Program to complete some sidewalk repair as needed and installed or replaced trees in small areas of " under brief description

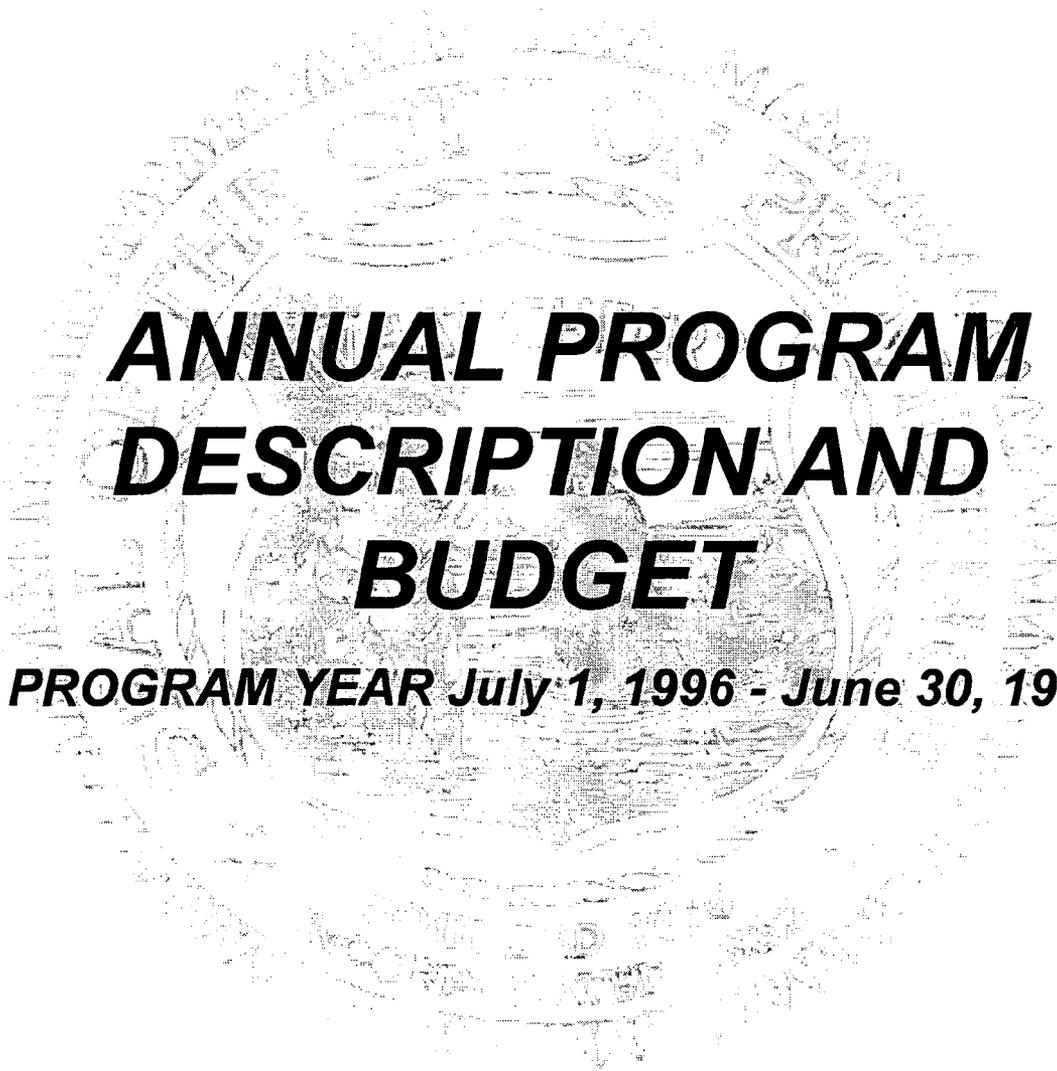
Page 7 first line, delete the following: "Chalkstone Avenue." under brief description.

Page 6 last line, insert the following: "Chalkstone/Academy Park" under name of Project or activity.

Also insert the following: "Purchase of small parcel and creation of small green space." under brief description.

The Budget amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) will remain the same.

**CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT,
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP &
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT**



**ANNUAL PROGRAM
DESCRIPTION AND
BUDGET**

PROGRAM YEAR July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997

CITY OF PROVIDENCE VINCENT A. CIANCI JR., MAYOR

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
JOHN F. PALMIERI, DIRECTOR**

INTRODUCTION

With the submission of our first - consolidated submission or Consolidated Plan in June of 1995, the City of Providence, at the direction of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the first time, submitted one budget and program description for the three major programs which are provided directly to the City by HUD: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG).

This consolidation was made easier by many of the planning activities undertaken by the City in the past 3-4 years. During this period, the City has undertaken the completion of a Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), a Comprehensive Plan and the Enterprise Community Application. These documents reflect many facets of a vision for improvements to housing and neighborhoods in Providence.

The important programs and goals which were mentioned included: Elimination of slums and blight, elimination of conditions that are detrimental to health, safety and public welfare, conservation and expansion of housing stock, expansion and improvement of the quality and quantity of community services, better utilization of land and other natural resources, reduction of the isolation of income groups within communities and geographical areas, restoration and preservation of properties of special value and alleviation of physical and economic distress.

For the program year beginning July 1, 1996, the City is required to submit an Annual Program Description and budget which allocates the CDBG, ESG and HOME dollars to various projects and program areas. These budgets are attached here.

The Action Plan constitutes an application for funds under three different HUD formula programs in these amounts :

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$7,779,000 ,
Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESG) \$202,000
HOME Investment Partnership Program \$1,844,000.

These funds, plus \$25,000 in income to the city from prior projects will support the activities to be funded for the 1996-1997 program year (July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997). Program income from Providence Economic Development Corporation loans is retained by PEDC to make additional loans.

A public hearing was held on April 11, 1996 to solicit comments from citizens about needs for these programs in the City of Providence. In addition, the City Council Committee on Urban Renewal, Redevelopment and Planning has met on eight occasions to review proposals and activities as well as propose a budget. The budget will be presented to the Department of Housing and Urban Development as soon as possible for their review and approval.

The program of activities presented here, provides funding for housing, public facilities, human services, economic development and homeless services.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS AND BUDGET

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET JUNE 6 PAGE 1**

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	Budget amount
PUBLIC FACILITIES - REHABILITATION or NEW CONSTRUCTION		
Genesis Center 620 Potters Avenue	Physical rehabilitation / roof and masonry repairs.	44,460
International Institute 645 Elmwood Avenue	Physical rehabilitation of facility	40,000
McAuley House Niagara Street	Physical rehabilitation of facility serving the homeless.	19,500
Providence Ambulatory Health Care Center	Assistance to construct additional examination and treatment space at Capitol Hill Health Center.	24,375
Providence Performing Arts Center Inc. 228 Weybosset Street	Assistance for the stage wall expansion project Funds are used directly to pay costs of Section 108 loan.	200,000
Women's Center	Completion of installation of elevator and rehabilitation of third floor of shelter for abused women and children	24,375
Armstrong Gladding VFW Post 69	Provision of funds to construct new building for public service activities sponsored by the post, including homeless services, youth programs (location will be Potters Avenue).	75,000

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET JUNE 6 PAGE 2**

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	Budget amount
	Total cost \$310,000 (estimated) To be raised \$210,000. Funds are requested over a three year period.	
Bannister House Nursing Care Center Dodge Street	Continuation of project to resurface building for elimination of water leakage and interior damage. This facility provides neighborhood based nursing care in the West End neighborhood.	25,000
Black Contractors Association Headquarters	Funds will be used to leverage other private funds leading to the completion of interior rehabilitation of 570 Broad St. BCA will complete rehab and use the facility for headquarters and a training site for joint projects with South Providence Development Corporation - through the City's Enterprise Community program.	20,000
Camp Street Community Ministries	Funding will be used to continue rehabilitation of 194 Camp Street for use as counseling, human service agency.	10,000
Duncan Avenue Arts Collaborative	Installation of cabinets at Duncan Avenue Arts Center providing arts and dance programming for City youth.	10,000

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET JUNE 6 PAGE 3**

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	Budget amount
East Side/Mt. Hope Y	Contribution to emergency roof repair project which is now underway.	32,500
Mount Hope Day Care Center	Funding will be used for sewer line replacement and water service upgrade or installation of ADA approved adult restroom	10,000
Oasis Credit Union	Funding for building purchase, rehabilitation and/or site improvements as location for Oasis Credit Union. The Credit Union is a neighborhood based initiative to bring a variety of financial services directly to low income neighborhoods of the City. Funding will be requested for a period of three years.	75,000
Red Cross of Rhode Island	Funds will be used to complete program of installation of fencing, sidewalks and flag poles at Gano Street facility..	10,000
Vocational Resources Inc. 100 Houghton Street	Funding will be used for capital improvements to Houghton St. Facility including restrooms, carpet and HVAC . The agency's primary objective is the employment of persons with handicaps. Programs include evaluation, work	25,000

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET JUNE 6 PAGE 4**

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	Budget amount
	experiences, education and specialized training.	
PUBLIC FACILITIES/ ACQUISITION		
City ARTS	Acquisition of 890 Broad Street - Berkander Building for use as neighborhood arts center.	73,125
Community Preparatory School	Acquisition of 126 Somerset Street for use as a school facility targeted to low income City students.	58,500
Family Service	Acquisition of 55 Hope Street , the location of Family Service Inc., an agency providing a full range of services to families and individuals in crisis situations.	73,125
School One	Acquisition of 220 University Avenue for use as alternative high school targeting disadvantaged City youth.	48,750
Urban Collaborative	Assistance with purchase of 130 Broadway a facility used to house an alternative high school program targeting youth at risk.	24,375

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET JUNE 6 PAGE 5**

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	Budget amount
COMMUNITY CENTERS/REHABILITATION		
Washington Park Center Jillson Street	Funding for the construction of addition to center at 42 Jillson Street	48,750
Elmwood Community Center Niagara Street	Funds will be used for phased roof replacement or phased replacement of windows.	20,000
Federal Hill House Association Courtland Street	funds will be used to realign wall in classroom space , replace worn carpeting,replace exterior doors and windows .	13,500
Silver Lake Community Center 520 Plainfield Street	Physical renovations to tot lot (fencing,surface and landscaping)	10,000
Hartford Park Corporation Syracuse Street	Seal and skim coat 50% of main roof area and replace thresholds and frames on 2 exterior doors, install 2 interior doors and install 4 new deadbolt lock sets.	10,000
Jewish Community Center Elmgrove Avenue	A program of interior renovations will be undertaken focusing on handicapped accessibility improvements changing location of accessible entrance and new accessible restrooms	25,000

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET JUNE 6 PAGE 6 ***

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	Budget amount
John Hope Settlement House Burgess Street	Funding for acoustical panels for gym	10,000
Joslin Community Development Corporation Amherst Street	Continuation of funding for the exterior painting of the 231 Amherst Street facility	25,000
Nickerson Community Center Delaine Street	Rehabilitation at 133 Delaine Street new flame gas burner, new preschool flooring and replacement of existing entrance stairs and railing	25,000
Smith Hill Center Ruggles Street	Funding for roof repair, gutter system on two porches plus chimney repointing and removal of slates, and other roof repairs.	20,000
<p><i>PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE</i> <i>Funds are provided in this area to undertake various programs in the areas of physical improvement to commercial corridors.</i></p>		
Broad Street Project		200,000
North End/Charles Street Project		200,000
Silver Lake/ Plainfield/Pocasset		200,000
Westminster Street		73,125
Chalkstone Avenue Improvements - sidewalks and tree planting	Program to complete some sidewalk repair as needed and install or replace trees in small areas of	25,000

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET JUNE 6 PAGE 7**

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	Budget amount
	Chalkstone Avenue.	
Douglas Avenue Public Improvements	Continuation of on-going public improvements along Douglas Avenue	115,000
Esek Hopkins Homestead Rehabilitation	Funding for rehabilitation of Esek Hopkins Homestead.	20,000
Gladstone and Baxter Streets Tot Park	Landscaping and equipment for tot park at this location.	25,000
Keep Providence Beautiful- Trash Receptacles	Purchase and installation of 48 trash receptacles in City neighborhoods	6,200
Jewelry District	Installation of physical improvements	40,000
North Main Street Public Improvements	Public improvements - yet to be specifically determined	45,000
Roger Williams Park Broad Street Entrance Improvements	Improvements to Broad Street Park Entrance stonewall landscaping, curbing, signage, sidewalk improvements Estimated costs by Parks Dept. staff.	20,000
Summit Neighborhood Improvements	Continuation of public improvements in Summit neighborhood.	48,750
Thayer Street Business Association	Public improvements along Thayer St. commercial corridor	20,000

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET JUNE 6 PAGE 8**

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	Budget amount
Upper South Providence public improvements - Blackstone on the South Side - Nehemiah project	Funding will be used to complete to Blackstone on the South Side - Nehemiah Project.	35,000
Valley Street Public Improvements	Funds allocated for continuation of this project.	115,000
<i>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</i>		
Section 108 Repayment	Yearly installment for required debt service for Section 108 loan to City for economic development purposes	720,000
Economic Development Program Delivery		307,419
<i>COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION</i>		
Pro-CAP Anti Graffiti	Continuation of successful program to rid neighborhoods of graffiti	60,000
Pro-CAP Conservation Corps	Program to maintain and improve orphan public areas of the City. Program involves landscape rehabilitation and vacant lot cleaning.	52,021
<i>HUMAN SERVICES budgeted at last year's levels</i>		
CHISPA	421 Elmwood Avenue Outreach and referral for Hispanic population	25,000

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET JUNE 6 PAGE 9**

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	Budget amount
DaVinci Center	471 Charles St. Youth, senior and intake program	87,761
East Side Seniors	670 North Main St. Senior program, health screenings, recreation and meals	27,876
East Side/Mt. Hope YMCA	Hope Street provision of summer youth program	10,000
Elmwood Community Center	155 Niagara St. Youth, intake and seniors programming	118,594
Federal Hill House	9 Courtland St. Senior case management	27,714
Federal Hill Tutorial	254 Atwells Avenue youth education	36,592
Fruit Hill Elderly Day Care	399 Fruit Hill Avenue. North Providence Adult day care	4619
Hartford Park Community Center	20 Syracuse Street Youth and seniors programs	73,904
International Institute	645 Elmwood Avenue Immigration services	18,000
John Fogarty Center	220 Woonasquatucket Avenue North Providence	15,705

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET JUNE 6 PAGE 10**

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	Budget amount
	Handicapped transportation services	
John Hope Settlement House	7 Burgess St. After School day care transportation	5,000
Joslin community Center	231 Amherst Street Seniors, youth and intake programs	73,904
Keep Providence Beautiful	385 Westminster Street Community litter education	43,700
Langston Hughes Center for the Arts	1 Hilton Street Youth arts program	22,500
Mt. Hope Neighborhood Center	199 Camp Street Youth, intake, after school day care programming	104,694
Nickerson Center	133 Delaine Street Senior case management	18,476
Roger Williams Day Care	64 Richardson St. Day care program	33,095
Silver Lake Community Center	529 Plainfield St. Youth, intake and senior programming	95,880
Smith Hill Community Center	110 Ruggles Street Youth, seniors and day care programming	115,475
South Providence Tutorial	1 Louisa St. Youth tutorial and education enrichment	40,467
South Side Land Trust	Dudley Street Urban gardening ecology education project	23193

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET JUNE 6 PAGE 11**

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	Budget amount
Summerbridge	220 Hope Street youth enrichment and tutoring	10,000
Talbot House	520 Hope Street substance abuse counseling	13,095
Urban League of Rhode Island	246 Prairie Avenue Senior citizens program	50,000
Visiting Nurses Association	157 Waterman Street Senior health services	21,247
Vietnam Era Veterans	250 Prairie Avenue veterans counseling	18,476
Washington Park Center	42 Jillson street Youth , intake, and seniors programming	115,475
West End Center	109 Bucklin St. Youth, intake and day care services	124,713
Pro-CAP Interim House	46 Aborn Street Provision of services to city's homeless families	15,000
Pro-CAP Senior Transportation	46 Aborn St. senior transportation	66,805
Pro-CAP LIHEAP	46 Aborn Street Administrative expenses for low income heating assistance program	45,000
Hmong United Association	392 Cranston St.	15,000

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET JUNE 6 PAGE 12**

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	Budget amount
	Youth program	
RI Black Heritage Society	46 Aborn Street cultural awareness for African American community	7,500
RI Donation Exchange	25 Acorn St. Provides food and clothing exchange for low income residents.	10,000
Westminster Senior Citizens	133 Mathewson St. health program and recreation program for low income seniors.	10,000
HOUSING NON-PROFIT SUPPORT		
Elmwood Foundation	Program in the Elmwood neighborhood comprised of housing services including promotion of owner occupancy, individual financing assistance, rehabilitation specifications, development of abandoned property and promotion of community awareness. Program increase will include expansion of program to Washington Park neighborhood.	104,000
Elmwood Neighborhood Housing Services	Continuation of ENHS program. Proposes building 3 units, rehabilitating and selling 9 units, provide micro loans, provide technical	57,000

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET JUNE 6 PAGE 13**

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	Budget amount
	assistance to 50 homeowners, create 35 jobs through micro business program	
Good News Housing and Community Land Trust	Proposal includes the rehabilitation of six new rental units, eight existing units and construction of four new nits of cooperative housing. IN addition Good News proposes to work in partnership with PPHC to develop limited equity cooperatives in properties recently rehabilitated by PPHC.	50,000
Housing Corp. of the North End	Proposal includes plan to construct 2 single family homes, one two family house assist 25 renters, acquire 3 properties for rehab.	30,000
Mt. Hope Land Trust	Program calls for the creation of 20 - 25 units of additional affordable rental housing.	79,000
Olneyville Housing Corporation	Program will include outreach to 40 first time homebuyers and through a first time homebuyers program will prequalify that number of families for mortgages and match same with available resources, provide 20 clients with rehabilitation services and will develop 10 units of affordable	69,000

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET JUNE 6 PAGE 14**

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	Budget amount
	housing in the Olneyville neighborhood	
OMNI Development	Proposes construction and sale of 12 homes through the Nehemiah program in Blackstone on the South Side, sell 3 remaining homes in the Federal Hill Nehemiah area, complete and occupy the Governor (57 units of elderly housing), complete and occupy 16 units of affordable family housing at the Whitmarsh apartments building.	66,500
Providence Preservation Society Revolving Fund	Administers 25-30 CDBG eligible mortgages, administer 15-20 historic preservation loans, assist West Broadway Neighborhood Association use targeted physical improvements moneys, provide rehab. services, develop selected historic properties in CDBG eligible neighborhoods	60,000
Silver lake// Hartford housing Corporation	Continuation of initial phases of establishing a housing non-profit serving the Silver Lake/Hartfords neighborhoods.	25,000
Smith Hill CDC	Proposal received calling for the development or rehabilitation of an additional 7-10 units of affordable housing.	65,000

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET JUNE 6 PAGE 15**

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	Budget amount
SWAP	Southside Development Plan Prov. Tanner St. Revitalization Homebuyers Club, Support Program Prairie Pride, Contractors Clearing House, Construction internships	71,250
West Broadway Incentive Corp.	Continue program of neighborhood outreach and referral. Goal provide services for the rehabilitation of 10 units in program year.	18,600
West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation	Construct (2) rehab(1) and sell three properties on Bellevue Avenue. Application for financing 19 unit scattered site rental development pending.	55,000
Women's Development Corp.	Program includes the identification of appropriate properties and development of West End revitalization Phase III.	50,000
HOUSING - SPECIFIC PROJECTS		
SWAP Tanner St. Project	Contribution to development costs of Tanner St. Project funds will be requested in next two years at this level.	50000
Housing/Neighborhood Services Program Delivery	Department of Planning and development	607,100

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET JUNE 6 PAGE 16**

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	Budget amount
ADMINISTRATION		
General Administration		1,207,740
Heritage Center Planning		73,125
Equal Housing Opportunity Program		63,375
TOTALS	Please note, the total listed is \$25,000 MORE than our expected entitlement. The Department of Planning and Development will dedicate the income received from a loan to Indian Village Housing Corporation which provides \$25,000 per year to make up this difference.	\$7,804,000

EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS AND BUDGET

**EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT
BUDGET JUNE 6 PAGE 1**

The ESG has been budgeted at \$202,000 or \$78,000 LESS than last year's allocation. We are suggesting the following budget which fulfills the commitments to Travelers Aid and Interim House and makes small \$2,500 grants to all other agencies which made applications

PROJECT NAME	General Description	Budget
Advent House Linwood Avenue	Support for program to reunify currently homeless women with their children.	2500
Amos House Friendship St.	Operating support for Amos House - utility costs	2500
HELP Homeless Ecumenical Leadership Program 121 Mathewson Street	Rental costs for small storefront on Mathewson Street providing services to homeless individuals	2000
Nickerson Center 133 Delaine St.	Program of support services for homeless individuals	2500
The Turning 86 Holden St.	Program of support services for recently sober homeless individuals	2500
Pro-CAP Interim House 46 Aborn Street	Support for City's only family shelter program	85000
Travelers Aid 177 Union St.	Support for 177 Union Street facility. Committed by City at this amount in 1989.	100000
Urban League 246 Prairie Avenue	Support for shelter transition program (men's shelter)	2500
Women's Center of RI	Support for services to victims of domestic abuse	2500
TOTAL GRANT BUDGET		202000

HOME PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION OF USE OF FUNDS

A Proposal for the Allocation of 1996 HOME Funds

May 10, 1996

Purpose

The purpose of this presentation is to present the PPHC staff proposal for the use of 1996 HOME funds, which will be available July 1, 1996. The potential use of the HOME funds is affected by many issues; limited funding from other sources, a large CDC need for subsidy money and the need to cover PPHC Board mandated projects. In connection with our proposed use of 1996 HOME funds, staff is also recommending changes to HOME Program Policy & Procedures in order to more efficiently use the HOME funds.

Background

- Historic use of HOME Program

PPHC was created by the City Council and the Mayor to address the housing needs of the City of Providence. In 1992, PPHC was designated the administrator of the City of Providence allocation of US Department of HUD HOME funds. Certain criteria were established by the Board of Directors with regards to the use of HOME funds such as:

- use of funds to be on CHAS priority projects of homeownership, rental, & special needs housing
- amount set aside for rental projects to be administered by Rhode Island Housing
- use Neighborhood Turnaround Program Focus Area strategy to maximize impact of HOME funds in the neighborhoods.

- Process of allocation

In allocating HOME funds, PPHC used an "open door" policy. This policy was used in order to enable the CDCs to apply for funds on a "as needed" basis rather than wait for a funding round. This process of allocating funds expedited the flow of funds into the neighborhoods. PPHC also often provided technical support to many CDCs in developing a project or funding application.

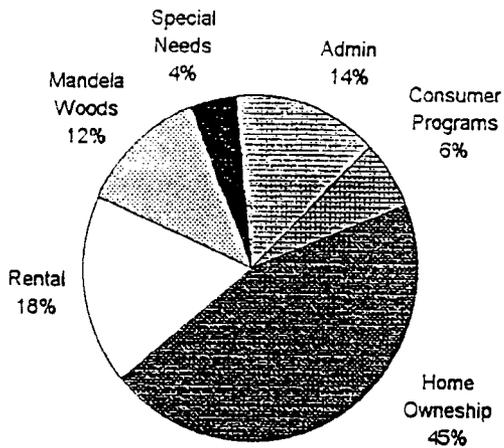
- HOME Program Progress

PPHC has received \$6,614,000 in HOME funds from the 1992-1995 fiscal years. All of the funds have been allocated to 92 different projects resulting in the following:

- 113 units of affordable homeownership opportunities
- 110 units of affordable rental housing
- 16 units of special needs housing

Of the projects with funding approvals from the 1992-1995 years, only 18 have not been started (4 PPHC projects and 14 CDC projects). The following pie charts show the allocation of HOME funds by different categories:

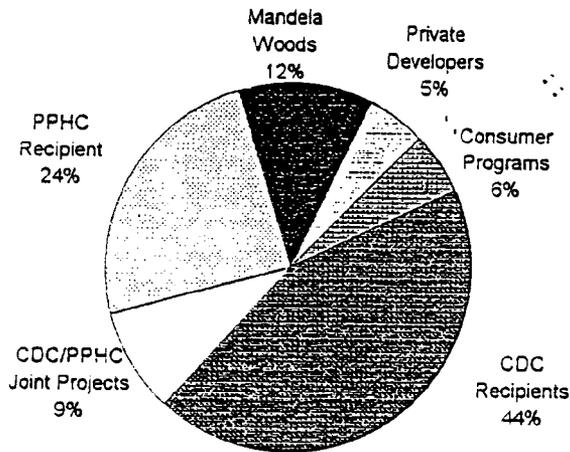
Percent of \$6,614,000 Allocated by Project Type



Project Type	Amount
Mandela Woods	875,000
Special Needs	313,770
Administration	1,014,000
Consumer Programs	455,720
Home Ownership	3,227,273
Rental	1,289,814
TOTAL	7,175,677*

* includes RIH funds for certain projects

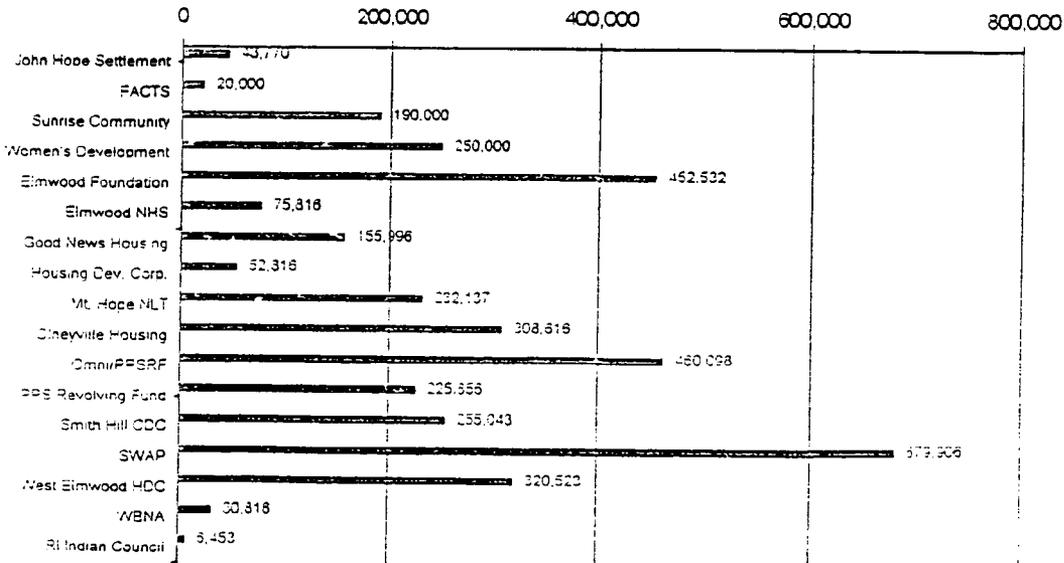
Percent of \$6,614,000 Allocated by Recipient



Recipients	Amount
Mandela Woods	875,000
Private Developer	370,056
Consumer Programs	400,000
CDC/Non-Profit	3,125,245
CDC/PPHC Projects	650,951
PPHC	1,754,425
TOTAL	7,175,677*

* includes RIH funds for certain projects

Allocation of \$3,776,196 to Individual CDCs/Non-Profit Groups



Proposed Allocation of 1996 HOME Funds

At the start of fiscal year 1996 (starting July 1, 1996), PPHC is faced with limited funds yet a demand for activity that is in keeping with previous years. There are many factors that need to be considered in developing a budget for 1996 HOME funds. PPHC is expecting to receive \$1,800,000 in 1996 HOME funds. Removing 10% for PPHC administrative expenses and 5% for CHDO operating expenses, the remaining funds available for projects is \$1,530,000.

- **PPHC Funding Needs**

The Tell Street & Duke Street Projects: These two projects were identified as priorities for the City of Providence and fit into our Focus Area method of neighborhood revitalization. The combined allocation for these two projects will be \$200,000 and will result in 7 units of affordable housing.

Blackstone on the South Side: In the March 27 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the Blackstone on the South Side Project consisting of 25 units of affordable housing with a total potential subsidy of up \$400,000. Taking into consideration the limited funds available as well as construction scheduling, PPHC staff is recommending the project be accomplished in two phases with the first phase consisting of 15 units. Staff estimates that four of the units will be covered by Nehemiah funds leaving 11 units requiring a HOME subsidy of \$220,000.

Other Projects: As reported in the Executive Director's report of March 27, 1996, PPHC owns or controls 21 properties which are schedule to be developed over Spring/Summer 1996. Of those properties, 8 need HOME subsidies. PPHC is also a co-applicant on the Providence Plan Youthbuild application and will require subsidy funds for the project sites. An additional three new construction projects on PPHC owned lots have been identified as requiring subsidy as well. Total subsidy requirements for these projects is \$300,000.

PPHC needs in total are \$740,000

- **CDC Funding Needs**

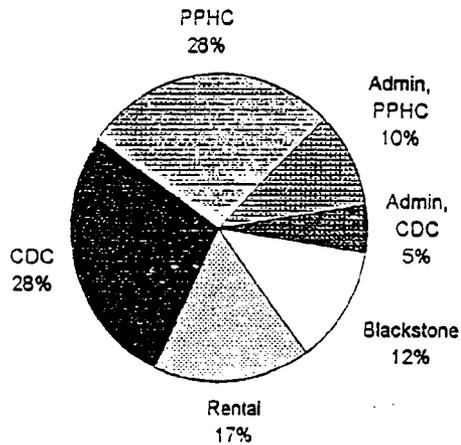
PPHC staff has had some preliminary discussions with CDCs regarding possible projects and potential funding needs. Many of the preliminary inquiries for funding are for projects where there is no site control. Approximately 8 of the requests are for projects with what would be considered by staff to be complete applications for funding for \$432,500.

- **Rental Set Aside**

From the program year 1995, \$200,000 in HOME funds were set aside for rental projects to be administered by Rhode Island Housing. These funds were recently awarded to the SWAP Tanner Block Project. In an effort to facilitate the funding of more rental projects, for the 1996 program year, PPHC staff is proposing an increased rental set aside of \$310,000. This increase allows more funds to be available not only for rental housing projects but to CDCs use as well.

- Proposed 1996 HOME Budget

Taking into consideration the above needs, PPHC staff is proposing the following budget that we believe most equitably distributes the HOME funds and at the same time providing for the most activity.



Total HOME Amount	1,800,000
Administrative, PPHC	180,000
Administrative, CDC	90,000
Blackstone	220,000
Rental Set Aside	310,000
CDC Set Aside	500,000
PPHC Set Aside	500,000

- Remaining Project Dollars

As shown in the pie charts shown above, PPHC and the CDCs have in general, historically shared the HOME funds equally. Therefore, with the remaining HOME project dollars, staff is proposing divide the remaining HOME project dollars equally between PPHC and the CDC group.

- CDC Allocation Process

Because demand for HOME funds exceeds supply, the Board of Directors may want to consider a more standardized process of making the HOME funds available. This formalized process would use a series of funding rounds to allocated the funds. Staff believes that a more standardized process will provide the most equitable distribution of funds possible.