

**Minutes  
Worcester Planning Board  
February 25, 1994**

Planning Board Members Present: John Reynolds  
Joan Bagley

Staff Present: Karen L. Sherman, OPCD Principal Staff  
Steve O'Neil, OPCD Director  
Paul LaCava, OPCD Public Services Coordinator  
David Keene, OPCD Housing Section Coordinator  
Tony Miloski, OPCD Staff

Meeting: 2:00 p.m., City Hall - Room 310

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Reynolds called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Presentation of Year 20 Community Development Block Grant Allocations:**

The Chairman turned the presentation over to OPCD Director Steve O'Neil. O'Neil explained to the Board and the audience that the objectives and proposed use of funds presented to the Board were prepared by OPCD for review. He commented on federal efforts to streamline the process for program allocations through CDBG, HOME and Emergency Shelter Grant programs.

Year 20 Community Development Block Grant Allocations were presented in eight categories - public services, comprehensive housing, economic development, parks, public safety, public works, urban renewal, and planning/administration. The total recommendation for funding is \$5,787,000 with the following breakdowns:

• Public Services	\$ 868,050
• Comprehensive Housing	\$1,898,160
• Economic Development	\$ 225,000
• Parks	\$ 570,390
• Public Safety	\$ -0-
• Public Works	\$ 875,000
• Urban Renewal	\$ 198,000
• Planning/Admin.	\$1,157,400.

Substantial increases in parks and public works projects were recommended and the completion of a public safety project allocated in prior years (McKeon Road Fire Station) was noted. Housing, urban renewal and economic development programs were basically recommended for level-funding.

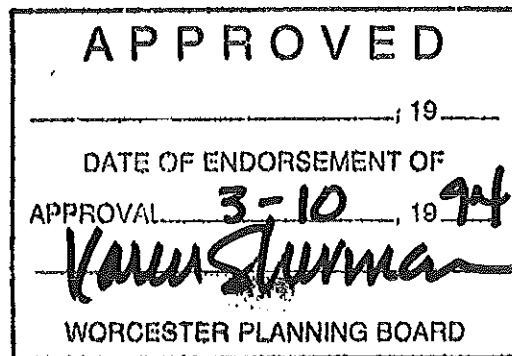
Board members raised several questions and reviewed the available project request forms. Several members of the audience asked for clarification of several items, including a list of applications not recommended for funding and prioritization of parks projects. Additionally, one member of the audience asked if there were any unexpended unobligated funds anticipated from Year 19 allocations. O'Neil replied that he would not know until the closure of the fiscal year's projects.

Tony Miloski presented the Board with a summary of Emergency Shelter Grant funding recommendations, including rehabilitation, essential services, maintenance and homeless prevention programs. Thirteen service providers were recommended for funding.

David Keene described the City's use of HOME program funds proposed for this fiscal year and compared the use to that in the past two years. He noted that Worcester is in a good position to make use of surplus programs funds through innovative use in both rehabilitation and home ownership programs, with a focus on three deckers. Some funds are allocated towards demolition as well.

Next Meeting: March 9, 1994

Adjournment: Chairman Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.



Year 20  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT  
ALLOCATIONS

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**  
**YEAR 20 ALLOCATIONS**

\$5,787,000

CATEGORY/PROGRAM	YEAR 19 ACTUAL	OPCD RECOMMENDATION
<b><u>PUBLIC SERVICES</u></b>		
Henry Lee Willis Center	147,000	151,410
Friendly House	171,000	176,130
Centro Las Americas	80,000	102,400
South Worcester Neighborhood Center	214,000	220,430
PIP	140,000	82,100 *
Pools	37,450	- 0 -
Clean City	- 0 -	25,000
Police	- 0 -	110,580
<i><u>Total Public Services</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 789,450</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 868,050</u></i>
<b><u>COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING</u></b>		
OPCD - Administration	275,000	280,000
OPCD - Pool (WHIP)	177,000	100,000
Main South CDC	125,000	128,750
Green Island/Vernon Hill CDC	60,000	61,800
Oak Hill CDC	75,000	102,250
Worc.Community Housing Resource, Inc.	156,000	160,680
Worcester Common Ground	70,000	72,100
Housing Info. Center	47,000	30,000 **
Code Inspection	639,380	639,380
Lead Paint Program	318,200	318,200
<i><u>Total Comprehen. Housing</u></i>	<i><u>\$1,942,580</u></i>	<i><u>\$1,893,160</u></i>

\* \$70,000 to be provided in ESG Funds

\*\* CONDITIONAL

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YEAR 20 ALLOCATIONS**

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CATEGORY/PROGRAM	YEAR 19 ACTUAL	OPCD RECOMMENDATION
<b><u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u></b>		
OPCD - Administration	58,000	65,000
OPCD - Loans	100,000	85,000
Main South CDC	25,000	25,000
Oak Hill CDC	- 0 -	25,000
M.L. King	- 0 -	25,000
 <i><u>Total Economic Development</u></i>	 <i><u>\$183,000</u></i>	 <i><u>225,000</u></i>
<b><u>PARKS</u></b>		
Christoforo Columbo Park	- 0 -	205,000 *
John Tivnan Park	250,000	200,000
Beaver Brook Park	20,000	175,000
Pools	25,000	31,390
Bancroft Tower	5,000	- 0 -
 <i><u>Total Parks</u></i>	 <i><u>\$ 300,000</u></i>	 <i><u>\$ 570,390 *</u></i>
<b><u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u></b>		
Mc Keon Rd Fire Station	\$ 547,370	- 0 -
<b><u>PUBLIC WORKS</u></b>		
 <i><u>Total Public Works</u></i>	 <i><u>\$ 250,000</u></i>	 <i><u>\$ 875,000</u></i>
<b><u>URBAN RENEWAL</u></b>		
 <i><u>Total Urban Renewal</u></i>	 <i><u>\$ 198,000</u></i>	 <i><u>\$ 198,000</u></i>
<b><u>PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION</u></b>		
 <i><u>OPCD</u></i>	 <i><u>\$1,052,600</u></i>	 <i><u>\$1,157,400</u></i>
 * <u>C. COLUMBO PARK FUNDING</u> - \$164,000 from YEAR 20 CDBG and \$41,000 from prior years' unexpended balances.		
 <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	 <b>\$5,263,000</b>	 <b>\$5,787,000</b>

## YEAR 20 COST ALLOCATION SUMMARY

	<u>YEAR 19</u>	<u>YEAR 20</u>	DOLLAR DIFFERENCE
ADMINISTRATION	\$1,052,600	1,157,400	+104,800
PUBLIC SERVICES	789,450	868,050	+ 78,600
COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING	1,942,580	1,893,160	- 49,420
URBAN RENEWAL	198,000	198,000	- 0 -
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	183,000	225,000	+ 42,000
PARKS	300,000	670,390	+270,390
PUBLIC SAFETY	547,370	- 0 -	-547,370
PUBLIC WORKS	250,000	875,000	+625,000

**TOTAL**

**\$5,263,000 \$5,787,000**

# CDBG Year 20 Allocations

