



City of Cambridge

Executive Department

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City Manager

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IN CITY COUNCIL
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To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation, in the amount of \$1,000,000, from the Federal Grant Stabilization Fund to the Grant Fund Housing Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support a municipal housing voucher grant program which will fund rental housing vouchers to be offered by the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA).

The Federal Grant Stabilization Fund was established to help address the impact of funding and policy changes that will affect vulnerable Cambridge residents. This appropriation will establish a new housing voucher program to support households who will be most affected.

The federal government has compelled CHA to make some changes to their program which will increase housing costs for voucher holders with mixed status households. We expect there may be additional efforts to limit funding or eligibility for these households which would add to the risks facing these residents.

The City of Cambridge municipal program would provide these funds and transition identified households from federally funded subsidies that are administered by the Cambridge Housing Authority to municipally funded subsidies. The Cambridge Housing Authority will continue to administer the city funded subsidies to these households in lieu of the previous HUD voucher.

This appropriation will allow for City staff to work with CHA in FY26 to transition these households to a City-funded voucher as soon as possible. The program is anticipated to cost approximately \$1,000,000 annually.

Very truly yours,

Yi-An Huang
City Manager

