City of Cambridge
Executive Department

YI-AN HUANG
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 $2,033,273.00 received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account ($593,940.65); to the Grant Fund Housing Extraordinary Expenditures account ($810,832.35) and to the Grant Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account ($628,500.00).

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocates annual CDBG entitlement grants to states and larger cities to support affordable housing, revitalize neighborhoods, and expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents. The City's annual operating CDBG appropriation of $592,998 was included in the FY27 budget adopted in June 2026. Approval of this additional balance will bring the City's total FY27 CDBG appropriation to $2,626,271.00, aligning with the
full amount awarded.

This appropriation will continue to support three core program areas: affordable housing, economic development, and public services. The largest share of funding ($810,832.35) is allocated to affordable housing activities, with a focus on preserving and rehabilitating housing to ensure safe and stable housing and assistance for low and moderate-income residents. A portion of the funds ($628,500.00) will support economic development initiatives, including assistance for micro enterprises and small businesses for equipment and retail interior accessibility improvements that help strengthen local economic opportunity. The public services funds ($593,940.65) are dedicated to youth programming, senior support, legal assistance, employment training, domestic violence services, and other essential community programs that address the needs of vulnerable households and improve overall quality of life.

Very truly yours,

Yi-An Huang
City Manager