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MODEL CITIES CONTRACT TENDERED TO CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Secretary George Romney of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development today announced the tender of a \$1,523,000 Model Cities contract to Cambridge, Mass.

Cambridge will also be given support from other programs administered by HUD, by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Department of Justice and the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Today's action by Secretary Romney will enable Cambridge to begin the first year action phase of its comprehensive five-year Model Cities program. State, county, local and private resources will also be used by the city in its concentrated, coordinated attack on the serious social, physical and economic problems within the Model Cities area.

Secretary Romney, who is Chairman of the President's Cabinet Committee on Voluntary Action, noted the extensive private and public involvement in the Cambridge program.

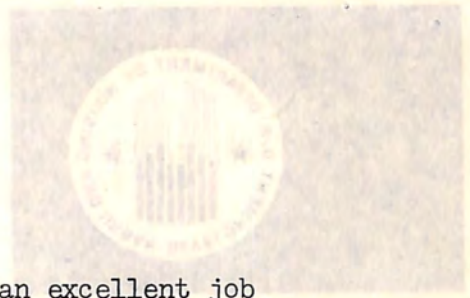
Beginning with the preparation of the application for planning funds, voluntary participation from many parts of the Cambridge community has been a strong feature of the Cambridge model cities program. Schools and other private groups will take part in first year action projects. Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will be involved in the education component, and MIT will also assist in designing improvements for Sennott Park.

In the housing area, the Cambridge Corporation is supporting the development of a proposed cooperative project and scattered site public housing.

Commenting on the decision to tender a contract, Secretary Romney explained that this was done after a careful review of the Cambridge comprehensive plan. The plan was thoroughly studied and analyzed both by the Regional and Washington Interagency Review Committees representing those Federal Departments and Agencies with urban aid programs.

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"During the past several months, Cambridge has done an excellent job in revising its proposals and improving its capability to operate its first year action program," he said.

A total of 150 communities in 45 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are participating in the Model Cities Program. The first applications for planning grants were approved in November 1967.

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NOTE: A summary of the Cambridge Model Cities Program is available upon request to the Office of Public Affairs, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D. C. 20410

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