



November 15, 2018

Deborah Ruhe
Executive Director
Just A Start Corporation
1035 Cambridge Street,
Cambridge MA 02141

Dear Ms Ruhe,

I write this letter as a letter of commitment to loan Just-A-Start (JAS) \$300,000 to support open space improvements for JAS's Squirrelwood Project. Approval of this loan was voted on at the CRA Board meeting on November 14, 2018.

The Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) has been interested in establishing a loan and/or grant program to help support the redevelopment of community facilities and open space in Cambridge. As such, this JAS loan will pay to improve two community spaces in Squirrelwood's Linwood Court site, a former CRA Wellington-Harrington Urban Renewal Area. The funds will pay for new landscaping, irrigation systems, specialty paving, sidewalks, tree removal, and fencing. The loan will also cover amenities such as new lighting features and bike lockers for long-term resident bicycle parking.

The Cambridge Redevelopment Authority continues to be committed to increasing its role in community development, and to working with Just A Start on this and future initiatives.

Sincerely,

Tom Evans