

RESOLUTION

**Opposing cuts to the Community Development Block Grant Program and other programs as proposed by President George W. Bush in the 2006 Budget.**

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**WHEREAS, the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM has been in existence since 1974 and is celebrating 31 years providing local governments with the resources required to meet the needs of persons of low and moderate income.**

**WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM is a partnership among government, business, nonprofit community organizations and that the services funded by the Program, administered by the County and often delivered by local nonprofit organizations and municipalities, relies heavily on the combined efforts of this partnership.**

**WHEREAS, under the current system 268,984 low-moderate income residents of Cuyahoga County are eligible for services through the CDBG program.**

**WHEREAS, under the proposed plan, most if not all of these residents would be ineligible for services and job creation for low-moderate income residents of Cuyahoga County would be limited.**

**WHEREAS, the total CDBG funding received in FY 2005 by all jurisdictions in Cuyahoga County is \$39,142,799.00.**

**WHEREAS, with the proposed cuts, Cuyahoga County would be much less able to provide services and programs including our Exterior Maintenance Program, Storefront Renovation Program, business development loans, affordable housing services, and Competitive Municipal Grants, which allow communities to repair aging infrastructure.**

**WHEREAS, CDBG's greatest strength is its approach to solving problems through locally driven, citizen participation process.**

**WHEREAS, President Bush's 2006 proposed Budget would eliminate the CDBG, Section 108 Loan, and the Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) programs severely impacting the County's ability to provide necessary services to low-mode rate income individuals and businesses throughout Cuyahoga County.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby stand opposed to the proposed elimination of the CDBG and other programs that serve Cuyahoga County residents so well.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners hereby petitions the U.S. Congress and the Bush Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM** and its vital importance to the community and to the people.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to President George W. Bush, all the mayors of the 47 suburban communities that have signed participation agreements with the County to form the Cuyahoga Urban-County and the six entitlement communities in Cuyahoga County, U.S. Senators from Ohio Michael DeWine, George Voinovich and Subcommittee Chair Christopher Bond, U.S. Representatives Sherrod Brown, Stephanie Tubbs-Jones, Dennis Kucinich and Steven C. LaTourette, and to Paul Oyaski, Director, Department of Development.

On Motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Dimora, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Jones, Dimora, Hagan.

Nays: None.

**Resolution Adopted.**

**Penelope M. Hughes,  
Clerk of the Board**

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