

RESOLUTION

Proclaiming the week of April 17-23, 2006 as Community Development Block Grant Week in Cuyahoga County in recognition of more than 30 years of Block Grant Programs.

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Department of Development administers Community Development Block Grant funds to 48 participating suburban communities throughout Cuyahoga County.

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant dollars have been used to fund a variety of programs in these communities, including infrastructure improvements, ADA compliance in public buildings, storefront renovation, streetscape improvements, master plan development and exterior maintenance of residential dwellings.

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant funds were also used to provide low-interest economic development loans to manufacturers and commercial projects to create jobs.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program is now more than 30 years old and forms the core of the Department of Development's funding.

WHEREAS, 40% of our Community Development Block Grant funds must go to the 48 participating communities of the Urban County.

AND WHEREAS, the importance of this program cannot be emphasized enough especially since the proposed cuts by the current White House administration would reduce funding to Cuyahoga County by approximately 25% and would thus result in a significant decline of services available to our participating communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby reaffirms its support of the Community Development Block Grant Program and hereby proclaims the week of April 17-23, 2006 as Community Development Block Grant Week in Cuyahoga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Mayors of the forty-eight (48) participating communities, U.S. Senators Michael DeWine and George Voinovich; Representatives of U.S. Congress Sherrod Brown, Stephanie Tubbs-Jones, Dennis Kucinich and Steven C. LaTourette, and one copy to Paul Oyaski, Director, Department of Development.

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

Ayes: Hagan, Jones, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

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

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