

RESOLUTION 071401.

Proclaiming the week of April 9-15, 2007 as Community Development Block Grant Week in Cuyahoga County in recognition of 33 years of Block Grant Programs.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program has been in existence since 1974 and is celebrating 33 years providing local governments with the resources required to meet the needs of local persons with low and moderate incomes.

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant Program is a partnership among government, business and nonprofit community organization 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, the total CDBG funding received by Cuyahoga County since its inception has exceeded \$109 million dollars.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program forms the core of the Department of Development's funding that delivers by contractual agreement 40% of the annual CDBG allocation to the 49 participating communities that form the Urban County for projects selected by the communities.

WHEREAS, the importance of this program cannot be over emphasized especially since the White House has again proposed cutting the Community Development Block Grant program which, if adopted, would reduce funding by approximately 25%.

WHEREAS, this cut would result in a significant decline in services available to our participating communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby recognizes the week of April 9-15, 2007 as CDBG week; and petitions the United States 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 the Mayors of the forty-nine (49) participating communities; United States Senators Sherrod Brown and George Voinovich; United States Representatives Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Dennis Kucinich, Steven C. LaTourette and Betty Sutton and one copy to Paul Oyaski, Director, Department of Development.

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

Ayes: Jones, Hagan, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Jeanne M. Schmotzer,
Clerk of the Board

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