



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of IGR**

Date February 7, 2005

To Council Member Scott Benson, Chair-Intergovernmental Relations Committee

**Subject Resolution in Support of the Community Development Block Grant
(CDBG) program**

Recommendation

That the committee approves the attached resolution.

Previous Directives

(any past Council actions or directions to staff)

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Approved by: Gene Ranieri, Intergovernmental Relations Director_____

Presenters in Committee: Gene Ranieri, Intergovernmental Relations

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification

City Goals

Comprehensive Plan

Zoning Code

Other

Background/Supporting Information Attached

Whereas the City of Minneapolis has been a recipient of Community Development Block Grant Funds since 1974, and

Whereas since that time, the city has used this funding for its low income residents to preserve and produce affordable home ownership and rental housing opportunities, to leverage the city's infrastructure, human capital and development assets, and to support the ability of community-based organizations to deliver needed services based on neighborhood specific priorities, and

Whereas, CDBG programming has engaged the city's low income residents in guaranteeing fair housing, delivering services in multicultural manner, reviewing and providing input to development proposals, and

Whereas, this funding has stimulated private investment in areas of the city that have too often been forgotten by market forces, and

Whereas, the hallmark strength of CDBG is local determination on how best to meet national priorities leading to programming that provides for viable communities in line with this decentralized philosophy, and

Whereas, last year city CDBG expenditures assisted 25,000 persons with community-based delivery of public services, created 339 jobs, funded 34 business development associations, supported the development of 574 housing units affordable to low income families, financed the rehabilitation of 21 childcare centers, and provided assistance to 4 community programming facilities serving areas composed of 84 percent low and moderate income households, and

Whereas the proposed White House FY 2006 changes in the CDBG program could mean that our funding would drop from \$16.3 million in 2004 to conservatively less than \$8 million,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City of Minneapolis joins with the United States Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, business organizations and community economic development organizations in support of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Accordingly, we oppose the changes proposed for this program in the President's FY 2006 budget.