

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a vital program that benefits low- and moderate income individuals and families, and provides funding to our nation's municipalities through either direct aid or as a pass-through structure from the County and State levels; and

WHEREAS, Washington administration recently approved a 16.5% cut to the current Fiscal Year 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which resulted in a loss of approximately \$1.5 million to the City of El Paso; and

WHEREAS, slashing these critical funds adversely impacts job creation, the provision of public services, infrastructure improvements and quality of life services during this difficult economic climate when our residents are most in need; and

WHEREAS, further reducing or eliminating this program in future years will have a negative effect on the efficiency and effectiveness of our local economic redevelopment efforts, as well as the services provided to our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That Washington administration be informed of the City's desire for CDBG funding to be restored in Fiscal Year 2012 to Fiscal Year 2010's funding level of four billion dollars in order to facilitate, implement, and maintain these crucial programs throughout our City; and

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to our representatives in the House and Senate, and to other entitlement cities across the nation to garner support for opposition to future cuts to this essential program.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to our state leaders to garner state support to restore in Fiscal Year 2012 to Fiscal Year 2010's funding level of four billion dollars in order to facilitate, implement, and maintain these crucial programs throughout our City.