

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 050115)

## RESOLUTION

The City Council of Philadelphia calls on our Congressional Representatives and Federal Government to preserve the funding for the Community Development Block Grant program and other programs designed to assist community development in urban and rural areas.

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), is a program that provides essential federal investments to meet communities' needs for economic development, housing, public infrastructure improvements, parks and recreation facilities, and community centers; and

WHEREAS, CDBG funds can be used to create housing opportunities to assist low-income and moderate- income residents of cities and towns to meet one of their most basic needs to achieve economic independence; and

WHEREAS, The President has proposed the elimination of the CDBG program and consolidation of its funding with 18 other programs into the Department of Commerce with less funding than the original program; and

WHEREAS, The CDBG program which has existed for 30 years for economic development, recreation centers, day-care facilities, literacy programs, and housing development; and

WHEREAS, The former HUD programs will have to compete for resources in the Commerce department budgets; and

WHEREAS, The Federal government is sending billions of dollars to other countries to develop their infrastructure, while simultaneously decreasing domestic spending for urban and rural areas; and

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WHEREAS, The budget would also cut \$440 million in Safe and Drug-Free School grants, \$500 million in education and technology state grants, \$225 million for the Even Start literacy program, \$280 million for the Upward Bound programs for inner-city youths.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Calling upon our Federal Legislators to act in the best interest of the City.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the tenth of February, 2005.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Miller, Goode and Tasco

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Miller, Goode, Tasco, Clarke, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Blackwell, DiCicco, Rizzo, Kenney, O'Neill and Kelly