

RESOLUTION 14-08

SUPPORTING INCREASED 2015 CDBG PROGRAM FUNDING

Resolution of the Borough of Tarentum, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, expressing its unwavering support of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and recognize the program's significant and unparalleled impact upon the communities in this County; and, further, calling upon the United States Senate and House of Representatives to support full funding of the CDBG formula grants at \$3.3 billion as well as full funding for other critically important affordable housing and community and economic development programs.

WHEREAS, the Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Budget proposes just \$2.8 billion in formula funding for the CDBG program, a 7.59% reduction or \$230 million compared to the appropriated level for FY 2014; and

WHEREAS, since FY 2001, funding for the CDBG formula has declined by nearly 36% causing Allegheny County to lose over \$7.2 million in CDBG funding over that period; and

WHEREAS, a FY 2015 proposed 7.59% reduction in CDBG funding would represent an additional \$1.0 million loss in CDBG funding to Allegheny County and would dramatically affect projects and programs that help sustain Allegheny County's municipalities, non-profits and its low and moderate income residents; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County's CDBG program has a long-term objective of developing viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, in Allegheny County, an average of 73% of CDBG funds go to or benefit low to moderate income residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, communities in Allegheny County rely heavily upon the CDBG program to alleviate blight in the communities, provide affordable housing, make public buildings accessible to all residents of the community, provide funds for infrastructure needs that our municipality would otherwise be unable to do, and allow elected officials to conduct planning that will transition their neighborhoods to a more diverse, broad-based, 21st century economy; and

WHEREAS, the Allegheny County Community Development Block Grant Program funds a myriad of social service, economic development, and housing programs in this community that has resulted in the development of a strong network of relationships between this local government, the County's residents, and the many non-profit agencies that provide services and help make possible our commitment to those neighborhoods;

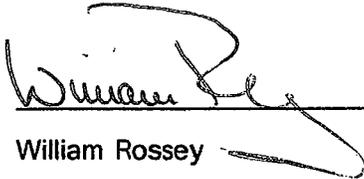
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the Borough of Tarentum expresses its unwavering support of Allegheny County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and recognizes the program's significant and unparalleled impact upon the communities in this County.

The Council of the Borough of Tarentum calls upon the United States Senate and House of Representatives to support funding of the CDBG program with a funding level of \$3.3 billion, as well as full funding for other critically important housing and community and economic development programs empowering cities and counties in this country to continue addressing unique affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization needs.

The undersigned certifies that the above Resolution was adopted at their regular council meeting by the Tarentum Borough Council on April 21, 2014.

ATTESTED:

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM



William Rossey

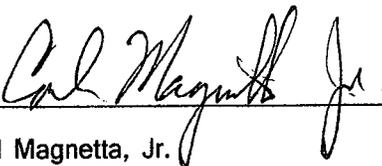
Borough Manager



Timothy Rapp

President of Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED this 21ST day of April, 2014.



Carl Magetta, Jr.

Mayor of Tarentum