

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

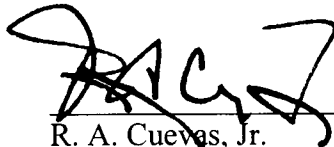
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 15, 2011

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT Resolution urging the
President and Congress to refrain
from reducing funding for the
Community Development Block
Grant Program and the
Community Services Block
Grant as part of the U.S.
Government's Fiscal Year 2011
Budget

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.



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Please note any items checked.

- _____ **“3-Day Rule” for committees applicable if raised**
- _____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- _____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- _____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- _____ **Budget required**
- _____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**
- _____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager’s report for public hearing**
- _____ **No committee review**
- _____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s _____, 3/5’s _____, unanimous _____) to approve**
- _____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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3-15-11

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS
TO REFRAIN FROM REDUCING FUNDING FOR THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
AND THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT AS
PART OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2011
BUDGET

WHEREAS, it is reported that the U.S. Government's proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Budget ("Budget") requests only \$3.7 billion to fund the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program, which would reduce funding by 7.5 percent or approximately \$300 million compared to current funding level; and

WHEREAS, it is also reported that the proposed Budget will cut funding for the Community Services Block Grant ("CSBG") program by 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County receives annual CDBG funds administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, encouraging economic development, creating full-time jobs for low- and moderate-income persons, and providing improved community facilities and services, principally for low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County receives annual CSBG funds administered by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to provide a range of services and activities to assist the needs of low-income individuals, including the homeless, migrants and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, currently, CSBG services and activities are provided to over 95 percent of all U.S. counties, including Miami-Dade County, through a network of public and private community action agencies; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in CDBG and CSBG funds would cause considerable reduction in much-needed services in our community and would only serve to retard any potential economic recovery,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges The President of the United States and Congress to refrain from reducing funding for the CDBG and CSBG programs when considering the nation's Budget.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to The President of the United States, U.S. House Speaker (R), U.S. House Minority Leader (D), U.S. President Pro Tempore of the Senate (D), U.S. Senate Majority Leader (D), U.S. Senate Minority Leader (R), and Members of the Miami-Dade Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs that the 2011 Federal Legislative Package be amended to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Joe A. Martinez, Chairman | |
| Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman | |
| Bruno A. Barreiro | Lynda Bell |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz | Carlos A. Gimenez |
| Sally A. Heyman | Barbara J. Jordan |
| Jean Monestime | Dennis C. Moss |
| Natacha Seijas | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of March, 2011. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Martin W. Syblis

