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A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., URGING CONGRESS TO MAINTAIN FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted and signed into law by President Gerald Ford as the centerpiece of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has as its primary objective “the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income”; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has considerable flexibility to allow municipalities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization needs; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Association of Counties, and other state and local government-sector associations are unanimous in their support of the CDBG and the need to keep this program intact; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the CDBG is most commonly used to support activities that improve the quality of life in communities; to promote energy conservation and renewable energy resources; for construction of and improvements to public infrastructure such as streets, sidewalks, and water and sewer facilities; and for small business assistance to spur economic development and job creation/retention; and

WHEREAS, last year Congress increased funding for CDBG for the first time since 2010 from \$3 billion to \$3.3 billion; and

WHEREAS, nationally, for every dollar of CDBG funding invested in a project, another \$4.09 is leveraged from other sources; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has created or retained more than 421,000 jobs for low- and moderate-income persons through a variety of economic development activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., appreciates Congress increasing funding for CDBG and urges Congress to continue providing at least \$3.3 billion in formula funding for CDBG.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution be sent to the Florida Congressional Delegation, the National League of Cities, the secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until repealed and hereby repeals all conflicting resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League's 93rd Annual Conference, at the Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida, this 17th Day of August 2019.

Leo E. Longworth, President
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Commissioner, City of Bartow

ATTEST: _____
Michael Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: FLC Staff