

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM AND THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program grows local economies and improves the quality of lives for low and moderate-income citizens in every state, territory, and Congressional district, by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, and authorized in 1990, the HOME program provides grants to more than 600 local participating jurisdictions annually to produce and maintain safe, decent and affordable housing for low-income families; and

WHEREAS, communities use CDBG funding to respond to current and emerging community development needs, including the creation of jobs, development of affordable housing, improvement of existing housing stock, the delivery of vital services, and the development of important infrastructure improvements, and HOME can be used to support both rental and homeownership through new construction, rehabilitation, down payment assistance, and tenant-based rental assistance; and

WHEREAS, since 2005, the CDBG program has provided safe, decent, affordable housing to over 1.43 million low and moderate-income households; and since 1992, the HOME program has created more than 1.26 million units of affordable housing including over 517,000 rental units, repaired over 250,000 owner-occupied homes, provided direct rental assistance to over 358,000 families, and completed over 534,000 homes for new homebuyers; and

WHEREAS, CDBG leverages other investment in local communities; for every \$1.00 of CDBG funding another \$4.09 in private and public dollars is leveraged, and HOME creates additional investments in affordable housing through leveraging; every \$1.00 of HOME funding leverages over \$4.38 in other public and private resources; and

WHEREAS, CDBG-funded public improvements directly benefited over 47 million low and moderate-income people since FY2005, and HOME provides critical gap financing to Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects and other federal, state and local housing projects to make them feasible; and

WHEREAS, the federal CDBG program has been chronically underfunded, receiving \$2.473 billion in 1975 and \$3.3 billion in fiscal year 19, and the HOME program has been cut from \$1.825 billion in fiscal year 2010 to \$1.25 billion in fiscal year 2019; and

WHEREAS, there has been put forth a proposal to eliminate the CDBG program and the HOME program in fiscal year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park is a CDBG Entitlement Community which received \$1.68M in program year 2018 and will receive \$1.63M in program year 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park is also a member of the Cook County Home Consortium; and

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors urges Congress to oppose elimination of the CDBG program, begin to restore program funding by supporting at least \$3.8 billion in FY2020; and to oppose elimination of the HOME program and begin to restore program funding by supporting at least \$1.5 billion in FY2020; and

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors also urges Congress to incorporate an annual inflation factor into the programs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park ("Village"), Cook County Illinois, that the Village supports the United States Conference of Mayors as it urges Congress to oppose the elimination of the CDBG program and further, support the efforts to restore program funding of CDBG to at least \$3.8 billion in fiscal year 2020. Further, the Village supports the Conference's efforts to oppose the elimination of the HOME Program and also support efforts to restore said funding to at least \$1.5 billion in FY 2020. Finally, the President and Board of Trustees support the Conference of Mayors efforts to urge Congress to incorporate an annual inflation factor into the growth of future CDBG program funding.

APPROVED this 3rd day of June, 2019.

Voting	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
President Abu-Taleb				
Trustee Andrews				
Trustee Boutet				
Trustee Buchanan				
Trustee Moroney				
Trustee Taglia				
Trustee Walker-Peddakotla				

APPROVED by me this 3rd day of June, 2019.

Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

ATTEST

Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk