

RESOLUTION NO. 48-2017

TITLE: CDBG FUNDING

A RESOLUTION URGING THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO CONTINUE TO FUND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) AND THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) AT A SUSTAINABLE LEVEL NECESSARY TO COMPLETE AND CONTINUE THE COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT STRATEGIES DEVELOPED FOR EVERY SMALL CITY AND ENTITLEMENT CITY IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, in 1982, President Ronald Reagan delegated the responsibility of administering and implementing a portion of the HUD CDBG programs to the States, whereby programs could be developed to serve the low and moderate income persons, not only at the large city level, but also at the small city and village level, which reached into the areas showing significant decline in the condition of the local housing stock, infrastructure and employment, issues which are so vital to the sustainability, stabilization, and revitalization of the country's most significant assets; and

WHEREAS, the Home Investment Partnership Act was passed, which supplemented funding to further carry out the housing strategies in communities of the greatest need, providing benefits to families and local neighborhoods, in addition to providing jobs for local contractors and suppliers, who are a significant part of the fabric of the American Society; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America is in a position now where it cannot cause further decline in the make-up of our economic and social-community values, whereby leading to more serious health and safety issues, as a result of eliminating programs which have been so remarkable successful at the household level, improving the living conditions of the neighborhoods, and continuing to achieve the American dream; and

WHEREAS, the sustainable funding level necessary to complete and continue the Community Housing Improvement and Community Investment Strategies developed for every small city and entitlement city in the United States of America, must at a minimum be similar to the FY 2016 HUD budgets; and

WHEREAS, the local communities in the United States of America are urging that the Members of Congress judiciously keep in mind what the immediate ramifications of severe cuts in the CDBG and HOME programs will be regarding existing and new jobs, services provided to local households, contractor and supplier unemployment, declining neighborhoods, safety, fear of crime, and other social and community values, realizing Congress just can't wipe out successful programs without having an immediate replacement program, which is designed to continuously return tax dollars back to their communities, and to the people who pay their salaries; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Barberton, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. The City of Barberton urges the Members of the United States House of Representatives and the United State Senate to continue to fund the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development

Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) at a sustainable level necessary to complete and continue the community housing improvement and community investment strategies developed for every small city and entitlement city in the United States of America.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Barberton and the inhabitants thereof, for the reason to facilitate timeliness, and provided it receives the necessary votes required by the City Charter, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval; otherwise to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed _____ 2017

Clerk of Council

Vice President of Council

Approved _____ 2017

Mayor