



## Legislation Text

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To commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant program.

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was created by the 1974 Housing and Community Development Act, which was enacted by President Gerald Ford after being passed by Congress with bipartisan support; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Block Grant program's main purpose is to provide decent, housing, a suitable living environment and economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Block Grant remains the principal source of revenue for states and localities to use in devising and implementing flexible solutions for the prevention of physical, economic and social deterioration in lower-income neighborhoods and communities throughout the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, CDBG funds, which serve as lifeline for families and communities, make their way into local economies through an extensive network of non-profit organizations, local contractors and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, across the country, the Community Development Block Grant program has created 330,546 jobs, assisted 220,695 businesses, and provided critical services, affordable housing, and immeasurable improvements to communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant program marks a milestone in our country's investment in providing the opportunity for everyone to live in a suitable environment, and providing economic mobility to low- and moderate-income people; and

**WHEREAS**, upon this anniversary, we also urge the Federal Government's continued investment in critical programs that help to provide economic stability for struggling communities; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS;**

That this Council does hereby commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant Program.