

**RESOLUTION: Supporting Federal Funding of community
Action Agency Programs**

TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, ADVOCAP Inc was established in January 1966 as a Community Action Agency (CAA) under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, ADVOCAP serves as one of sixteen (16) CAAs in Wisconsin and serves as the focal point where providers of services and recipients of the service could meet as equals to develop programs that meet the needs of local low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, ADVOCAP creates economic opportunities for low-income people by:

- Involving low-income individuals in identifying and developing solutions to local poverty problems;
- Creating new jobs and developing small businesses;
- Building skills through dislocated worker programs, skills enhancement programs, one-on-one GED/HSED education, refugee programs, financial literacy, and other services;
- Providing home delivered and congregate meals for Winnebago County's senior residents;
- Assisting low-income households to build assets such as owning a home or a business;
- Strengthening families and providing educational opportunities for children, youths, and adults, including homeless services;
- Developing and managing affordable housing;
- Improving energy efficiency through home weatherization;
- Assisting low income individuals with auto purchase loans so they can keep their jobs
- Connecting volunteers with other local funding agencies;
- Researching and developing effective solutions to community needs; and

WHEREAS, CAAs, Wisconsin Tribes, and other limited purpose agencies serving the poor receive federal Community Service Block Grant Funds (CSBG) to provide direct services to low-income individuals and families, and those funds are critical to the continued success of CAAs and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has submitted its 2010 CSBG Plan, and the Plan provides that:

- 90% of CSBG funds will be passed through to the State's 16 CAAs with additional allocations for the Tribes and affiliated limited purpose agencies, Wisconsin Community Action Program Association (WISCAP), and for the State's administration of the block grant;
- Maximum flexibility occur at the local level to address poverty needs; and
- Each CAA board of directors be governed by its own tripartite board of directors consisting of a minimum of one-third representatives of the poor in the geographical area served, one-third elected public officials or their designees from that area, and one-third representatives representing public and private institutions that serve the CAAs' communities, therefore; and

WHEREAS, President Obama's budget calls for reducing funding for CSBG by 50%, and members of Congress may consider even deeper cuts; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors believes the services and programs provided by ADVOCAP are important to Winnebago County, and the loss of any significant level of CSBG funding would be a detriment for the families and communities in Winnebago County, but also recognizes the need to address domestic spending.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby supports the funding for the Community Services Block Grant at 2008 levels to provide economic stability for those individuals in need for our common good.

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Submitted by:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Committee Vote:

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Vote Required for Passage:

Majority of Those Present

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of March, 2012.

Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive