

Dickinson County Board of Supervisors
March 2, 2011

1:00 p.m. Present are Supervisors Mardi Allen, Pam Jordan, William Leupold, and present telephonically are Supervisors David Gottsche, Chairperson and Paul Johnson.

The Board is being asked by Upper Des Moines Opportunity to adopt a resolution in support of continued CSBG funding at existing levels. The funds are at risk of being cut by Congress. Following discussion, it was moved by Allen, seconded by Jordan to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, UDMO has been a community action agency for over 32 years; and

WHEREAS, UDMO is governed by a local board of directors consisting of elected officials, private sector representatives, and low-income individuals; and

WHEREAS, UDMO operates outreach offices in 12 counties, including Dickinson; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,872 individuals in Dickinson County, (825 households) received services from UDMO funded through the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) program; and

WHEREAS, more than 37% of the persons served in Dickinson County by UDMO are elderly and/or disabled; and

WHEREAS, federal and state funding for UDMO helps generate \$103.58 for every dollar received from Dickinson County; and

WHEREAS, CSBG funding for UDMO helps generate \$852,640.72 in in-kind goods and services and donated items within Dickinson County; and

WHEREAS, UDMO receives \$444,164 in CSBG funds to operate 12 outreach offices and those funds are the "glue" that enable UDMO to administer state and federally funded programs; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has proposed a 50% reduction of the CSBG funding and made the remaining funds competitive instead of continuing the current allocation formula; and

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors is supportive of the Congress reducing the federal deficit;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors supports the positive impact of CSBG in Dickinson County and the State of Iowa and opposes action by Congress or the President to reduce CSBG funding disproportionately compared to the rest of the federal domestic discretionary budget.

All voted aye for approval and passage.

There being no further items for business presented before the Board, it was moved by Allen, seconded by Jordan to adjourn. All voted aye.

David Gottsche, Chairperson

Nancy Reiman, Auditor