

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Resolution in the matter)
of reductions in federal)
anti-poverty funds)

RESOLUTION NO. #88-204

WHEREAS, while there are low income households in every area of the State of Oregon, a disproportionately large number of homeless and other low-income persons reside in Multnomah County, as the largest urban area in the State;

WHEREAS, reductions in federal anti-poverty funds available to serve low income residents of the State of Oregon are anticipated for FY 88-89;

WHEREAS, State policies should not have an unfair impact on the share of such funds received by Multnomah County and should not place Multnomah County or any other County at a disadvantage in receiving a fair share of federal funds for serving homeless and other vulnerable populations;

WHEREAS, State Community Services has adopted a policy of providing a funding floor for smaller community action agencies and communities;

WHEREAS, the application of this floor policy will have an unfair impact on the share of federal anti-poverty funds received by Multnomah County and other larger Counties, unless anticipated reductions in these funds are passed on to State agencies and to all Counties through applying an across-the-board percentage reduction;

WHEREAS, Multnomah County has already experienced such an unfair impact from the application of the floor policy in the proposed allocation of funds to the County for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program in FY 88-89;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners strongly urges the State of Oregon Department of Human Resources to adopt a policy that reductions in federal anti-poverty funds be fairly distributed to State agencies and the various Counties [as an across the board reduction], and that no community action agency in the State receive a reduction in Community Services Block Grant funds, Low Income Energy Assistance funds or other federal anti-poverty funds that is larger than the percentage that the allocation of such funds to the State of Oregon has been reduced. The County hereby offers its assistance to work in partnership with the State to develop a formula for a fair distribution of reductions in federal anti-poverty funds.

ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF December, 1988

(SEAL)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

BY Caroline Miller
Caroline Miller, Acting Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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