

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Expressing Multnomah	)	
County Support for Full Funding of	)	
Federal HOME and for Increasing the	)	RESOLUTION
Community Development Block Grant	)	91-131
Program and for the Waiver of HOME	)	
Matching Requirements for FY 1992	)	

WHEREAS, the housing needs of Multnomah County families and children are great as exemplified by the following:

- \* 17,000 people homeless for at least one night on an annual basis, 30% of these people have mental illness;
- \* Nearly half (45%) of the very low income families pay over 70% of their income for housing;
- \* Local median income statistics have not kept pace with increasing median contract rent (this impacts special populations most severely, due to their increased vulnerability);
- \* The Mid-County Sewer Project enforces mandated connection costs of \$6,000 to \$10,000 per single family dwelling in all the east county community (total impact 56,000 properties); and

WHEREAS, if unresolved, the long-term impacts of these needs will haunt our communities and social service endeavors for many years; and

WHEREAS, the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 was established to help local governments address these critical needs and work toward a decent home for everyone; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County looks to the programs created by the Act, most particularly HOME and CDBG as essential in the response to these needs; and

WHEREAS, full funding for HOME and increased funding for CDBG is vital for our local housing strategies; and

WHEREAS, waiver of the FY 1992 matching requirements of the HOME program is essential to permit local agencies to use these new funds to serve lower income families and children; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hatfield is one of the Senate conferees on H.R. 2519, the VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners take a position of strong support for full funding of HOME and increased funding of the CDBG program in FY 1992, and support for waiver of the HOME matching requirements during FY 1992; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Senator Hatfield and that copies be delivered to each of Oregon's Congressional Delegation.

ADOPTED this 5th day of September, 1991.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By Gladys McCoy  
Gladys McCoy, County Chair

REVIEWED  
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