



Resolution

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MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis in support of Western Arizona Council of Governments as the Region IV Community Action Agency in the State of Arizona, and certifying that Western Arizona Council of Governments is addressing the well-being of low-income and vulnerable populations in an effort to end poverty. These efforts are consistent with the Region IV communities' goals and objectives, as described in the Region IV Community Action Plan.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis is desirous of addressing low-income and vulnerable populations issues that ensure the well-being of these constituents in an effort to address poverty in our area; and

WHEREAS, Western Arizona Council of Governments, as the Region IV Community Action Agency relies on Community Services Block Grant funding to assist in administering Head Start, the Area Agency on Aging, Transportation Planning (La Paz and Mohave Counties), Community Development Block Grant Planning, Social Service Block Grant Planning, Short Term Crisis Services, Home Repair Programs, Utility Assistance, and other services and programs to assist thousands of low-income individuals and families each year meet the challenge of immediate economic crises and help them achieve self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis understands that the Community Services Block Grant sustains Community Action Agencies and insures the existence of vital programs that are imperative to the residents of Region IV Communities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) provides core funding for a network of 1,100 local organization, including Community Action Agencies (CAA), to fight poverty and promote self-sufficiency for low-income individuals, families and communities in 96 percent of the nation's counties; and

WHEREAS, Community Services Block Grant supports programs for the neediest in our communities, targeted to individuals and families with incomes at or below the poverty line, including the working poor; and

WHEREAS, Community Services Block Grant assisted more than 20.7 million individuals in 8 million families, reaching as many as 23% of people in poverty in 2009 (the most recent year for which data has been reported); and

WHEREAS, the flexibility of Community Services Block Grant allows CAAs to provide a broad range of programs and services, locally directed, such as affordable housing, health care, job development and placement, education, elderly services, energy assistance and homeless prevention, which are integrated into a comprehensive, systematic approach to fighting poverty and promoting self-sufficiency; and

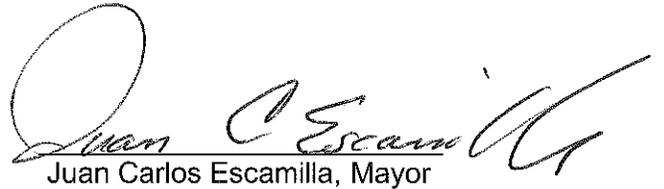
WHEREAS, the tripartite boards of Community Action Agencies, CAAs, with equal representation from the local private sector, local public sector, and low-income communities being served, define the roles of local Community Action Agencies, establishing their priorities for serving the local communities, and designing solutions to meet the needs of the low-income individuals and communities being served; and

WHEREAS, Community Services Block Grant, CSBG, provides resources to Community Action Agencies, CAAs to serve as catalysts for engaging local partners, including government representatives, area citizens, local businesses, neighborhood civic groups, and the faith community, in rebuilding and strengthening the low-income communities in which they reside; and

WHEREAS, Community Services Block Grant, CSBG, leveraged over \$14.9 billion in other federal, state, local and private resources in fiscal year 2009 for services administered by Community Action Agencies. For each CSBG dollar spent, CAAs and their partners matched \$20.31 from all other sources, with \$6.54 of that match coming from state, local and private resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, requests the Governor of the State of Arizona to work with the President and the United States Congress to preserve the Community Services Block Grant as an independent program administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and to provide an appropriation for fiscal year 2012 that preserves the CSBG funding at a level which sustains the programs and services to our most vulnerable citizens.

Passed and adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona this 23rd day of March 2011.

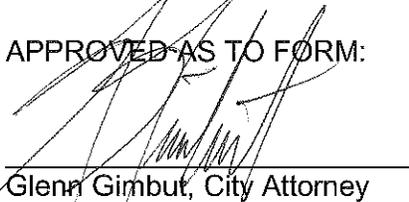

Juan Carlos Escamilla, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sonia Cuello, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Glenn Gimbut, City Attorney