

CITY OF JAMESTOWN



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SAMUEL TERESI, MAYOR

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By Councilwoman Ecklund:

WHEREAS, the City of Jamestown, New York, as a United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement community, is the annual recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jamestown, New York is an economically distressed, Northeastern United States city located in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jamestown contains an overabundance of older housing stock, aging infrastructure, obsolete industrial buildings, and Brownfield sites; and

WHEREAS, since FY 1990, the City of Jamestown has been allocated and has effectively utilized forty three million, eight hundred-fifteen thousand, eight hundred sixty-four dollars (\$43,815,864) in CDBG and HOME Program funding for a variety of projects that have directly benefited residents and neighboring properties, businesses, property owners, but not limited to:

- Rehabilitation of thousands of rental and owner-occupied housing units;
- Installation of enhanced neighborhood street lighting;
- Extensive handicapped accessibility improvements to public facilities to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.);
- Construction of wheelchair ramps in residences;
- Promotion of homeownership through the *Homesteading* first-time homeowners program;
- Extensive commercial façade and commercial handicapped accessibility improvement projects in Downtown Jamestown;
- Lead abatement programs;
- Preparation of various industrial development sites for industrial expansion projects;
- Youth Group Work Camps to help elderly citizens make minor repairs, paint, and landscape their owner occupied homes;
- Demolition of blighted and unsafe structures;
- Building improvements to Jamestown Boys and Girls club;
- Enhancements to the Eastside and Downtown YMCA Youth centers;
- Establishment of a Community Policing program;
- Assistance for the renovation and new construction of numerous low-moderate income multi-housing projects;
- Numerous target area housing and infrastructure rehabilitation projects including new streets, curbing, lighting, storm sewers, and sidewalks;
- Target Area Code Enforcement mini-sweeps;

- Low-income foreclosure prevention, low income legal services, and at-risk youth job training programs;
- Various parks and playground improvement projects, including Chadakoin Park infrastructure improvements;

WHEREAS, over 1,200 communities rely on CDBG as a direct source of annual funding; and
WHEREAS, since 2010, funding for CDBG has been cut by over \$1 billion while the need for these important resources at the local level has continued to grow; and

WHEREAS, for every \$1.00 of CDBG funding invested in a project another \$3.55 is leveraged from other sources; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1974, CDBG has leveraged nearly \$400 billion in other resources for community development and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, between FY2005-FY2012 CDBG has created or retained 302,622 jobs; and

WHEREAS, between FY2005-FY2012 CDBG has assisted over one million low-and-moderate income homeowners rehabilitate their homes, provided down payments and closing cost assistance to qualified home buyers, and assisted homeowners through lead paint abatement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jamestown CDBG and HOME Program activities have benefited every citizen of the City of Jamestown in some manner; and

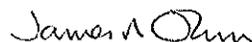
WHEREAS, no other source of funding exists or is available to the City of Jamestown to continue these vital commercial, industrial, and residential improvement activities; and

WHEREAS, CDBG formula funding for FY2013 (in the Continuing Resolution) prior to the sequestration cut to \$3.3 billion, and the proposed FY2014 budget recommends a further cut to \$2.8 billion; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Jamestown City Council hereby encourages President Barack Obama, United States Senator Charles Schumer, United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Representative Thomas Reed, United States Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, United States Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, United States House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner, and United States House of Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, to vigorously oppose the proposed reductions in funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program and the elimination of the "grandfathering" of metropolitan cities not meeting population levels for which they initially qualified as a HUD Entitlement Community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to communicate the concerns of the Jamestown City Council by transmitting certified copies of this resolution to President Barack Obama, United States Senator Charles Schumer, United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Representative Thomas Reed, United States Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, United States Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, United States House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner, and United States House of Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi.

I, James N. Olson, City Clerk of the City of Jamestown, New York, do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Jamestown at a regular meeting held July 29, 2013.



July 29, 2013 James N. Olson, Director of Financial Services/City Clerk