

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 85-16

WHEREAS, The Florida Department of Community Affairs has been authorized by the federal government to administer the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and disburse these funds in a fair and equitable manner; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Community Affairs has administered this program for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, the existing Florida Law and Department of Community Affairs rules have thus far provided that only a select group of communities be awarded these grants; and

WHEREAS, it has been found that most communities in the State of Florida have "needy areas";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Nassau County Board of County Commissioners in regular meeting duly assembled this 19th day of February, 1985 does hereby recommend the following changes to the CDBG Program be made the Florida Legislature during the 1985 Legislative Session:

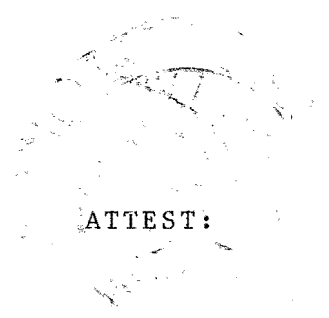
A. Recommendations for Proposed Changes to Scoring System.

1. Adjust needs score percentage from 40% (400 points) to 20% (200 points) and correspondingly increase impact score from 50% (500 points) to 70% (700 points); leaving 10% for Equal Opportunity and Fair Housing.
2. Amend 8 factors used to determine need by eliminating factors #7 and #8 which refer to the number and percentage of pre-1950 housing units. Adjust points assessed to remaining six factors. Unemployment and fiscal capacity could remain the same.
3. Adopt a "Pocket of Poverty" approach for calculating the data regarding the need factors. Language creating "pocket of poverty" should be similar to the definition of the federal U.D.A.G. Program.

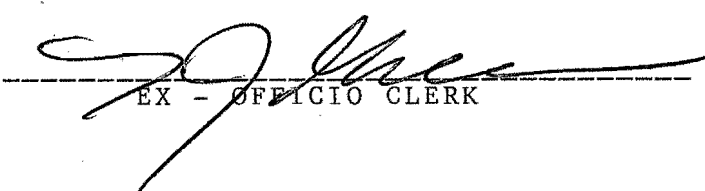
B. Recommendations for Proposed Changes to Distribution of Funds.

1. Limit community to one grant funded per cycle, either Housing Category or Neighborhood and Community Revitalization Category.
2. Mandate one-year set out period if funded in previous grant cycle.
3. Impose \$500,000 grant ceiling for each program category for each community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Regional Planning Council and local members of the Florida Legislature.

  
*John F. Clayton*  
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
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