



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 7.

DATE OF MEETING: October 17, 2011

REQUESTED BY: Rick Benton, County Manager

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Supporting Expansion of the Federal Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Community Program

BACKGROUND: Brunswick County has requested consideration by the Pender Board of Commissioners for adoption of a resolution supporting a change in the county population threshold of 200,000 that is required for the CDBG entitlement community program. As well, the resolution proposes to allow rural counties to combine their populations to meet the threshold if they desire to operate a regional program. Current county CDBG funding is severely limited, and the desire is to increase the availability of CDBG funding available to rural counties.

A copy of the resolution is attached.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a resolution entitled "Resolution in Support of Expansion of the Federal Community Block Grant Entitlement Community Program".

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.

RB
Initial

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

the Board hereby adopts the resolution entitled "Resolution in Support of Expansion of the Federal Community Block Grant Entitlement Community Program". The County Manager/Chairman is authorized to execute any document necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Brown ___ Tate ___ Rivenbark ___ Ward ___ Williams ___

George R. Brown, Chairman Date

ATTEST Date



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXPANSION OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, many Pender County residents continue to live in housing that marginally meets minimum housing standards; and

WHEREAS, the current minimum county population requirement for participation in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Community program outside of entitlement cities is 200,000; and

WHEREAS, neither Pender County nor many of the other counties in southeastern North Carolina meet this minimum standard; and

WHEREAS, many of those counties face similar housing quality and availability issues as does Pender County; and

WHEREAS, there may be opportunities to develop regional solutions to these housing issues if funding was more readily available and flexible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners, that we request that the United States Congress, the National Administration and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development work toward developing new participation standards for the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Community program with a minimum county population participation threshold of 100,000, and with provisions to allow rural counties to combine their populations to meet the threshold if they choose to develop and operate regional programs to address local and regional housing issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is requested to appropriate sufficient funding under the revised program to make the same per capita allocations available as are available under the current program.

Adopted this the 17th day of October, 2011.

George Brown, Jr., Chairman
Pender County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Rick Benton, County Manager