

103^D CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4084

To amend the Community Services Block Grant Act to establish a new Community Initiative Program to carry out economic development activities in economically distressed communities, to make other amendments to the Community Services Block Grant, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 1994

Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. FORD of Michigan, Mr. OWENS, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. BAESLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

To amend the Community Services Block Grant Act to establish a new Community Initiative Program to carry out economic development activities in economically distressed communities, to make other amendments to the Community Services Block Grant, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That this Act may be cited as the “Community Services
4 Block Grant Amendments of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVE PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) COMMUNITY INITIATIVE PROGRAM.—Section 681
4 of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C.
5 9910), including the caption, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 “COMMUNITY INITIATIVE PROGRAM

8 “SEC. 681. (a)(1) The Secretary is authorized to
9 make grants to local, private, nonprofit community devel-
10 opment corporations, or to enter into contracts or coopera-
11 tive agreements with such community development cor-
12 porations, to plan for and carry out economic development
13 activities in economically distressed communities. Such ac-
14 tivities shall be designed to address the economic needs
15 of low-income individuals and families by creating employ-
16 ment and business development opportunities and by pro-
17 viding support services designed to enhance the ability of
18 low-income individuals and families to successfully avail
19 themselves of such opportunities. In addition to any other
20 activities consistent with the purposes of this section, such
21 activities may include the development of facilities through
22 means such as the establishment of partnerships with
23 Head Start agencies, agencies or organizations providing
24 child care or otherwise engaged in the field of child care
25 or child development, and agencies or organizations serv-
26 ing children, youth, and families.

1 “(2) The Secretary shall exercise the authority under
2 paragraph (1) in consultation with other relevant Federal
3 officials.

4 “(b) Each community development corporation re-
5 ceiving funds under this section shall be governed by a
6 board consisting of residents of the community and busi-
7 ness and civic leaders.

8 “(c) The Secretary shall annually publish a statement
9 of the types of projects or activities the funding of which
10 will be a priority, such as projects or activities designed
11 to strengthen or enhance activities funded by other federal
12 programs.

13 “(d) In providing assistance or entering into other ar-
14 rangements under this section, the Secretary shall take
15 into consideration the geographic distribution of funds
16 among States and the relative proportion of funding
17 among rural and urban areas.

18 “(e) Of the amounts available to carry out this sec-
19 tion, the Secretary may reserve up to one percent for each
20 fiscal year to make grants to private nonprofit organiza-
21 tions or to enter into contracts with private nonprofit or
22 for profit organizations to provide technical assistance to
23 aid community development corporations in developing or
24 implementing projects funded under this section and to
25 evaluate projects funded under this section.”.

1 (b) REPEAL.—Section 505 of the Family Support Act
2 of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 1315 note) is repealed.

3 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section 674(a)
4 of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C.
5 9903(a)) is amended—

6 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “which re-
7 mains after” through “purposes of section 681(c);”
8 and inserting instead “which remains after the Sec-
9 retary makes the apportionment required in sub-
10 section (b)(1);”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (2)(A) by striking “which re-
12 mains after” through “purposes of section 681(c);”
13 and inserting instead “which remains after the Sec-
14 retary makes the apportionment required in sub-
15 section (b)(1)”.

16 (2) Section 682(c) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 9911(c))
17 is amended by striking “section 681(d)” and inserting in-
18 stead “section 672(b)”.

19 (3) Section 680(a) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 9909(a))
20 is amended by striking “section 681(c)” and inserting in-
21 stead “section 681”.

22 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
24 672(b) of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42
25 U.S.C. 9901(b)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(b) There are authorized to be appropriated
2 \$434,622,000 for fiscal year 1995, and such sums as nec-
3 essary for each of fiscal years 1996, 1997, and 1998, to
4 carry out the provisions of this subtitle.”.

5 (b) REPEAL.—(1) Section 681A of the Community
6 Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9910a) is repealed.

7 (2) Section 408 of the Human Services Reauthoriza-
8 tion Act of 1986 is repealed.

9 **SEC. 4. ALLOTMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 (a) CAPTION.—Section 674 of the Community Serv-
11 ices Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9903) is amended by
12 striking the caption and inserting the following:

13 “ALLOTMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS”.

14 (b) SET-ASIDES.—Section 674 of that Act (42 U.S.C.
15 9903) is amended—

16 (1) by redesignating subsections (a), (b), and
17 (c) as subsections (e), (f), and (g), respectively; and

18 (2) by inserting before subsection (e), as red-
19 igned, the following:

20 “(a) The Secretary shall allot the amount to be ap-
21 propriated pursuant to section 672(b) in accordance with
22 subsections (b) through (g).

23 “(b) Of the amounts appropriated pursuant to sub-
24 section 672(b) for fiscal year 1995 and each of the follow-
25 ing four fiscal years, the Secretary shall reserve

1 \$35,000,000 for each such fiscal year for carrying out sec-
2 tion 681.

3 “(c) Of the amounts appropriated pursuant to section
4 672(b), the Secretary may reserve up to one-half of 1 per-
5 cent of the amount remaining after application of sub-
6 section (b) for each of fiscal years 1995 and 1996, and
7 up to 1 percent of such amount for fiscal year 1997 and
8 each fiscal year thereafter, for training, technical assist-
9 ance, planning, and evaluation activities related to pro-
10 grams or projects carried out under this Act. These activi-
11 ties may be carried out by the Secretary directly or
12 through grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements.

13 “(d) Of the amounts appropriated pursuant to sec-
14 tion 672(b), the Secretary may reserve up to 2½ percent
15 of the amount remaining after application of subsection
16 (b) for fiscal year 1995, up to 4 percent of such amount
17 for fiscal year 1996, up to 5 percent of such amount for
18 fiscal year 1997, and up to 6 percent of such amount for
19 fiscal year 1998, for grants, contracts, or cooperative
20 agreements to address needs or problems of the poor
21 which are identified by the Secretary as priorities in the
22 effort to alleviate the causes of poverty.”.

23 **SEC. 5. APPLICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.**

24 (a) ASSURED ACTIVITIES.—Section 675(c)(1)(B) of
25 the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C.

1 9904(c)(1)(B)) is amended by inserting “the homeless,
2 migrants, and” before “the elderly poor”.

3 (b) STATE RESPONSIBILITIES.—Section
4 675(c)(2)(B) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 9904(c)(2)(B)) is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 “(B) if less than 100 percent of the allotment
7 is expended under subsection (A), provide assur-
8 ances that with respect to the remainder of the allot-
9 ment a reasonable amount shall be used for (i) mon-
10 itoring of activities of eligible entities and provision
11 of training and technical assistance to those entities
12 in need of such assistance; (ii) coordination of State-
13 operated programs and services targeted to low-in-
14 come children and families with services provided by
15 eligible entities funded under this Act; and (iii) con-
16 sideration of the distribution of funds under this Act
17 within the State to determine if such funds have
18 been targeted to the areas of highest need and,
19 thereafter, no more than the greater of \$55,000 or
20 5 percent of its allotment under section 674 for ad-
21 ministrative expenses at the State level;”.

22 (c) TRIPARTITE BOARD.—Section 675(c)(3) of that
23 Act (42 U.S.C. 9904(c)(3)) is amended—

24 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B),
25 and (C) as clauses (i), (ii), and (iii), respectively;

1 (2) by striking the comma after “provide assur-
2 ances that” and inserting “(A)”; and

3 (3) by inserting at the end thereof “and (B) in
4 the case of a public organization receiving funds
5 under this subtitle, such organization either estab-
6 lish (i) a board of which at least one-third of the
7 members are persons chosen in accordance with
8 democratic selection procedures adequate to assure
9 that they are representative of the poor in the area
10 served or (ii) some other mechanism specified by the
11 State to assure citizen participation in the planning,
12 administration, and evaluation of projects for which
13 such organization has been funded;”.

14 (d) COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY PLAN.—Section
15 675(c) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 9904(c)) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (11)(B) by striking “and” at
17 the end thereof;

18 (2) in paragraph (12) by striking the period
19 and inserting “; and”; and

20 (3) by inserting after paragraph (12) the fol-
21 lowing new paragraph:

22 “(13) secure from each eligible entity as a con-
23 dition to its receipt of funding under this Act a com-
24 munity action plan (which shall be available to the
25 Secretary for inspection) that includes—

1 “(A) a community needs assessment (in-
2 cluding food needs);

3 “(B) a description of the service delivery
4 system targeted to low-income individuals and
5 families in the service area;

6 “(C) a description of how linkages will be
7 developed to fill identified gaps in services
8 through information, referral, case manage-
9 ment, and follow-up consultations;

10 “(D) a description of how funding under
11 this Act will be coordinated with other public
12 and private resources; and

13 “(E) a description of outcome measures to
14 be used to monitor success in promoting self-
15 sufficiency, family stability, and community re-
16 vitalization.”.

17 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 The amendments made by this Act shall become ef-
19 fective with respect to fiscal years beginning on or after
20 October 1, 1994.

○