RESOLUTION No. 34 -11

Resolution of the Polk County Board of Supervisors in Support of Federal Funding of Community Action Agency Programs

WHEREAS, West Central Wisconsin Community Action Agency, Inc. (West CAP) was established in 1965 by action of county boards of Barron, Chippewa, Dunn, Pepin, Pierce, Polk and St. Croix Counties as a Community Action Agency (CAA) under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, and

WHEREAS, West Central Wisconsin Community Action Agency, Inc. is one of the 16 CAAs in Wisconsin which serve to address the needs of individuals and families living near the bottom of the economic ladder by providing opportunities for economic and social advancement, and

WHEREAS, West CAP creates economic opportunities for low-income people in Polk County by:

- Involving low-income people and a diverse group of local community stakeholders in identifying and developing solutions to local poverty problems;
- Building skills through employment training, financial education and other programs;
- Assisting low-income households to build assets such as home ownership;
- Developing and managing affordable housing;
- Improving energy efficiency through home weatherization and energy conservation;
- Providing emergency food resources to pantries and other sites and organizing activities to encourage families to incorporate family meals and cooking activities;
- Creating new jobs and developing small businesses;
- Responding to crisis situations, including homelessness, utility shut-offs, and other short term needs;
- Recruiting volunteers to serve the needs of community organizations and institutions;
- Facilitating collaboration of services with local organizations and agencies; and
- Researching and preparing funding applications to meet the needs of the community.

WHEREAS, West CAP's services in Polk County in 2010 had a total economic impact of $2,075.592 and served a total of 1,297 households, and

WHEREAS, West CAP and its sister community action agencies serving the poor in Wisconsin receive federal Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) funds to provide services to low-income individuals and families and CSBG funds are critical to the success of West CAP, and

WHEREAS, West CAP is governed by a board of directors representing a cross-section of the community consisting of: One-third are representatives of poor, one-third are elected public officials representing the county boards, and one-third are representatives of business and community groups from the area served thereof, and

WHEREAS, President Obama's budget calls for reducing funding for CSBG by 50% and members of Congress have proposed deeper cuts, and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties has issued a letter of support for full federal funding of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and maintaining the program's funding formula, and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of Supervisors believes the services and programs provided by West CAP are important to the County and the loss of any significant level of CSBG funding would be a

detriment for the families and communities in the County, but also in recognition of the need to address domestic spending, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the funding for the Community Services Block Grant at the 2008 levels to sustain efforts to achieve economic stability for people in need for our common good.

Funding Amount: No County Funding
Funding Source: Not Applicable
Date Finance Committee Advised: Not Applicable
Finance Committee Recommendation: Not Applicable
Effective date: Upon Passage
Date Submitted to the Polk County Board: July 19, 2011
Sponsored and Submitted by:

Larry Jepsen

Review By County Administrator:

- ☐ Recommended
- ☐ Not Recommended
- ☒ Reviewed Only

Dana Frey, County Administrator

Review By Corporation Counsel:

- ☒ Approved as to Form
- ☐ Recommended
- ☐ Not Recommended
- ☐ Reviewed Only

for Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel

At its regular business meeting on July 19, 2011, the Polk County Board of Supervisors, adopted the above-entitled resolution, Resolution 34-11; Resolution of the Polk County Board of Supervisors in Support of Federal Funding of Community Action Agency Programs, by a simple majority vote of 12 in favor and 11 against.

William Johnson, IV
County Board Chairperson

Attest: Carole T. Wondra
Carole Wondra, County Clerk

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
COUNTY OF POLK)

I, Carole T. Wondra, Clerk for Polk County, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 34-11 that was adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors on July 19, 2011.

Carole T. Wondra 7-25-11

Carole T. Wondra
Polk County Clerk

Date