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VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANTS

WHEREAS, TEAM Inc. provides critical social services to needy families and individuals in the lower Naugatuck Valley region, and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of the lower Naugatuck Valley region lack the resources to staff individual or regional social service departments, and

WEHREAS, TEAM Inc. competently fulfills this need and responsibly manages its resources, and

WHEREAS, TEAM Inc.'s appropriation of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding permits it to meet this regional need, and

WHEREAS, TEAM Inc. is one of twelve community action agencies in Connecticut which serves all 169 towns and cities, and uses CSBG funds to manage and develop regional social services, and

WHEREAS, the President has proposed a 50% reduction in Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding nationwide, including a cut of more than \$4.2 million to Connecticut;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Valley Council of Governments urges the President Barack Obama and the United States Congress to preserve the federal Community Services Block Grant at the current funding level as it is critical for the continuation of valuable services for needy families in the region, specifically: Meals on Wheels, Head Start, School Readiness, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Energy Assistance, Eviction Prevention, Child Day Care, and Asset Development.

Dated at Derby, CT this 13th day of April, 2011.



Valley Council of Governments
Mark A. Laretti, Secretary