

If you want to help save the Community Services Block Grant, here's how:

Important Things to Remember

1. Always refer to it by its full name, The Community Services Block Grant. Don't call it "CSBG" or "Community Action." Congress and the press often confuse us with other programs, especially the Community Development Block Grant, an entirely different program.
2. Don't ask for support for specific programs we run, like Weatherization or homeless prevention, ask for funding for the Community Services Block Grant. We are trying to keep the community action network and single-agency, cost effective service model alive. There will be other campaigns for other federally funded programs to come, and there will be information coming on those fights as well.
3. Use some or all of the talking points attached.
4. When communicating with Washington, DC, always use the telephone or send an email. Because of 9/11 security changes and the anthrax scare, letters do not make it to DC in a timely manner, or are rarely read. If you do want to send a letter to your congressman or your US Senators, send it to their home offices here in Wisconsin. Contact info below.
5. The first fight is to stop complete elimination of the Community Services Block Grant in the FY 2011 Continuing Resolution. This is not the President's proposed budget now in the news. His proposal is for the FY 2012 Budget, and that fight will come later. This is very important to understand and to communicate. There will be additional information for FY 2012 legislative battle at the appropriate time.
6. Get others, especially local elected officials and business leaders, to also contact their federal elected delegation.

Contact these folks TODAY!! The House vote is now scheduled for THURSDAY, 2/17.

Your Congressman

- a. Ron Kind; (202) 225-5506 <http://kind.house.gov/> - contact Ron
- b. Sean Duffy (202) 225-3365 <http://duffy.house.gov/> - contact me
2. Your Senators
 - a. Ron Johnson (202) 224-5323 <http://ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/> - contact
 - b. Herb Kohl (202)224-5653 <http://kohl.senate.gov/> - contact Senator Kohl
3. House Budget Committee Chairman, Congressman Paul Ryan (202) 225-3031
4. President Obama (202) 456-1111 <http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>
5. Governor Walker ((608) 266-1212 <http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/> - contact us