RESOLUTION NO. 1228

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING \$4.3 BILLION IN FISCAL YEAR 2007 FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted and signed into law by President Gerald Ford as the centerpiece of the Housing and Community and Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has as its primary objective "the development of viable and urban communities, by providing decent housing and suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income"; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has considerable flexibility to allow communities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization needs; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 32-year history, the CDBG program has been a partnership among the federal, state, and local governments, business, and the nonprofit sector, which carry out activities that improve the lives and neighborhoods of low- and moderate-income families; and

WHEREAS, CDBG funds have greatly benefited Redmond residents, providing essential services to our low- and moderate-income residents and capital

support for projects like Avondale Park, a local facility that provides 60 units of transitional and emergency housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond participates in the King County CDBG Consortium, and as a member of the King County Consortium has experienced a 9 percent cut in funding between FYs 2005 and 2006; and

WHEREAS, the President's FY 2007 budget proposes to reduce CDBG formula grants by \$1 billion or 25 percent; and

WHEREAS, should such a proposal be enacted, it could have devastating effects on the City of Redmond CDBG program by significantly reducing the amount and level of services that are available for residents to achieve self-sufficiency; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby calls on the Congress to provide a FY 2007 funding level of no less than \$4.35 billion in formula funding.

Section 2. The City Council and Mayor encourage all citizens to join together in expressing support for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

RESOLVED this 16th day of May 2006.

CITY OF REDMOND

ROSEMARIE IVES, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

MALISA FILES, CITY CLERK

FILED WITH THE CLERK:

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR:

EFFECTIVE DATE:

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May 10, 2006

May 16, 2006

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