

Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute

To H.R. 3030

Offered by Mr. Osborne

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Improving the Commu-
3 nity Services Block Grant Act of 2003”.

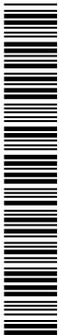
4 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT ACT AMEND-**
5 **MENTS.**

6 (a) **PURPOSES AND GOALS.**—Section 672 of the Com-
7 munity Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9901 note)
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 **“SEC. 672 PURPOSES AND GOALS.**

10 “The purpose of this subtitle is to reduce poverty—

11 “(1) by strengthening and coordinating local ef-
12 forts to expand opportunities for individuals and
13 families to become economically self-sufficient and to
14 improve and revitalize low-income communities in
15 urban and rural areas, by providing resources to
16 States for support of local eligible entities, including
17 community action agencies and other community-
18 based organizations—



1 “(A) to plan, coordinate, and mobilize a
2 broad range of Federal, State, local, and pri-
3 vate assistance or investment in such a manner
4 as to use these resources effectively to reduce
5 poverty and in initiatives that are responsive to
6 specific local needs and conditions;

7 “(B) to coordinate a range of services that
8 meet the needs of low-income families and indi-
9 viduals, that support strong and healthy fami-
10 lies, and that assist them in developing the
11 skills needed to become self sustaining while en-
12 suring that these services are provided effec-
13 tively and efficiently; and

14 “(C) to design and implement comprehen-
15 sive approaches to assist eligible individuals in
16 gaining employment and achieving economic
17 self-sufficiency;

18 “(2) by improving and revitalizing the low-in-
19 come communities in urban and rural areas by pro-
20 viding resources to States for support of local eligi-
21 ble entities and their partners—

22 “(A) to broaden the resource base of initia-
23 tives and projects directed to the elimination of
24 poverty and the redevelopment of the low-in-
25 come community, including partnerships with



1 nongovernmental and governmental institutions
2 to develop the community assets and services
3 that reduce poverty, such as—

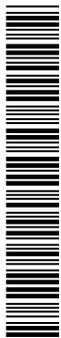
4 “(i) other private, religious, chari-
5 table, and community-based organizations;

6 “(ii) individual citizens, and business,
7 labor, and professional groups, that are
8 able to influence the quantity and quality
9 of opportunities and services for the poor;
10 and

11 “(iii) local government leadership; and

12 “(B) to coordinate community-wide re-
13 sources and services that will have a significant,
14 measurable impact on the causes of poverty in
15 the community and that will help families and
16 individuals to achieve economic self-sufficiency
17 and to test innovative, community-based ap-
18 proaches to attacking the causes and effects of
19 poverty and of community breakdown,
20 including—

21 “(i) innovative initiatives to prevent
22 and reverse loss of investment, jobs, public
23 services, and infrastructure in low- and
24 moderate-income communities; and



1 “(ii) innovative partnerships to lever-
2 age the assets and services that reduce
3 poverty, as provided in subparagraph (A);
4 and

5 “(3) by ensuring maximum participation of
6 residents of low-income communities and of mem-
7 bers of the groups served by grants made under this
8 subtitle in guiding the eligible entities and in their
9 programs funded under this subtitle, to ameliorate
10 the particular problems and needs of low-income
11 residents and to develop the permanent social and
12 economic assets of the low-income community in
13 order to reduce the incidence of poverty.”.

14 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 673(1)(A) of the Com-
15 munity Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(1)(A))
16 is amended—

17 (1) in clause (i) by striking “and” at the end,

18 (2) in clause (ii) by striking the period at the
19 end and inserting “; and”, and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(iii) that successfully develops and
22 meets the locally determined goals de-
23 scribed in section 678E(b)(1), as deter-
24 mined by the State, and meets State goals,



1 standards, and performance requirements
2 as provided for in section 678B(a).”.

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
4 674 of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42
5 U.S.C. 9903) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “1999 through
7 2003” and inserting “2004 through 2009”, and

8 (2) in subsection (b)(2)—

9 (A) by striking “678F” and inserting
10 “678E to assist States, eligible entities, and
11 their partners in projects supported by this sub-
12 title”, and

13 (B) in subparagraph (B) by striking “mon-
14 itoring (to correct programmatic deficiencies of
15 eligible entities)” and inserting “monitoring (in-
16 cluding technical assistance and training to cor-
17 rect programmatic deficiencies of eligible enti-
18 ties)”.

19 (d) USES OF FUNDS.—Section 675C of the Commu-
20 nity Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9907) is
21 amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a)(3)(A) by striking “Begin-
23 ning on October 1, 2000, a” and inserting “A”, and

24 (2) in subsection (b)(1)(F) by striking “neigh-
25 borhood-based” and inserting “community-based”.



1 (e) APPLICATION AND PLAN.—Section 676 of the
2 Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9908)
3 is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (b)—

5 (A) by striking “Beginning with fiscal year
6 2000, to” and inserting “To”,

7 (B) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) in subparagraph (B)—

9 (I) by striking “youth develop-
10 ment programs that support” and in-
11 sserting “youth development programs,
12 which may include mentoring pro-
13 grams, that support”, and

14 (II) by striking “and” at the end,

15 (ii) in subparagraph (C) by adding
16 “and” at the end, and

17 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(D) initiatives to improve economic condi-
20 tions and mobilize new resources in rural areas
21 to eliminate obstacles to the self-sufficiency of
22 families and individuals in rural communities;”,

23 (C) in paragraph (2) by striking “commu-
24 nity and neighborhood-based” and inserting
25 “community-based”,



1 (D) in paragraph (3)—

2 (1) in the matter preceding subpara-
3 graph (A) by striking “information pro-
4 vided by eligible entities in the State, con-
5 taining” and inserting “an assurance that
6 the State will provide information, includ-
7 ing”, and

8 (ii) in subparagraph (D) by striking
9 “community and neighborhood-based” and
10 inserting “community-based”,

11 (E) in paragraph (9) by striking “and
12 community organizations” and inserting “and
13 community-based organizations”,

14 (F) in paragraph (10) by striking “com-
15 munity organization” and inserting “commu-
16 nity-based organization”,

17 (G) in paragraph (12) by striking “and” at
18 the end,

19 (H) by redesignating paragraph (13) as
20 paragraph (15), and

21 (I) by inserting after paragraph (12) the
22 following:

23 “(13) an assurance that the State will take
24 swift action to improve performance or, when appro-
25 priate, to terminate the funding under this subtitle



1 of low-performing eligible entities that do not meet
2 the applicable locally determined goals described in
3 section 678E(b)(1) or do not meet the State goals,
4 standards, and requirements as provided for in sec-
5 tion 678B(a);

6 “(14) an assurance that the State will provide
7 a justification to the Secretary if it continues to
8 fund persistently low-performing eligible entities;
9 and”,

10 (2) in subsection (c)(2) by striking “plan, or”
11 and all that follows through the period at the end,
12 and inserting “plan, to meet a State requirement, as
13 described in section 678C(a), or to meet the locally
14 determined goals as described in 678E(b)(1).”, and

15 (3) by striking subsection (f).

16 (f) TRAINING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND OTHER
17 ACTIVITIES.—Section 678A(a)(1)(A) of the Community
18 Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9913(a)(1)(A)) is
19 amended—

20 (1) by inserting “dissemination regarding best
21 practices” after “technical assistance,”, and

22 (2) by inserting “(including to assist in the de-
23 velopment of reporting systems and electronic data
24 systems)” after “collection activities”.



1 (g) MONITORING OF ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Section
2 678B of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42
3 U.S.C. 9914) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
6 by inserting “and the locally determined per-
7 formance goals described in section
8 678E(b)(1)” after “a State”, and

9 (B) in paragraph (3)—

10 (i) by inserting “appropriate” before
11 “goals”, and

12 (ii) by striking “established by the
13 State”, and

14 (2) in the last sentence of subsection (c) by
15 striking “Chairperson of the Committee on Edu-
16 cation” and all that follows through “Human Re-
17 sources of the Senate” and inserting “appropriate
18 Congressional committees”.

19 (h) CORRECTIVE ACTION; TERMINATION AND RE-
20 DUCTIO OF FUNDING.—Section 678C(a) of the Commu-
21 nity Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9915(a)) is
22 amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by strik-
23 ing “established by the State”.



1 (i) ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING REQUIRE-
2 MENTS.—Section 678E of the Community Services Block
3 Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9917) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1)(A) by striking “By
6 October 1, 2002, each” and inserting “Each”,
7 and

8 (B) in paragraph (2)—

9 (i) in the 1st sentence by inserting
10 “including any activities under section
11 678C” before the period at the end,

12 (ii) by striking the 2d sentence,

13 (iii) in the 3d sentence by striking
14 “also”, and

15 (iv) in the 3d sentence by inserting
16 “information on the timeliness of the dis-
17 tribution of block grant funds to eligible
18 entities as provided in section 675C(a),”
19 after “including”,

20 (2) in subsection (b)—

21 (A) in paragraph (2) in the matter pre-
22 ceding subparagraph (A) by striking “beginning
23 after September 30, 1999”,

24 (B) in paragraph (3) by striking “Com-
25 mittee on Education” and all that follows



1 through “Human Resources of the Senate” and
2 inserting “appropriate Congressional commit-
3 tees”,

4 (C) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(5) COORDINATION OF REPORTING REQUIRE-
6 MENTS.—To the maximum extent possible, the Sec-
7 retary shall coordinate reporting requirements for all
8 programs of the Department of Health and Human
9 Services managed by eligible entities so as to consoli-
10 date and reduce the number of reports required
11 about individuals, families, and uses of grant
12 funds.”, and

13 (D) by redesignating such subsection as
14 subsection (c), and

15 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(b) LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING RE-
18 QUIREMENTS.—

19 “(1) LOCALLY DETERMINED GOALS.—In order
20 to be designated as an eligible entity and to receive
21 a grant under this subtitle, an eligible entity shall
22 establish locally determined goals for reducing pov-
23 erty in the community, including goals for—

24 “(A) leveraging and mobilizing community
25 resources;



1 “(B) fostering coordination of Federal,
2 State, local, private, and other assistance; and

3 “(C) promoting community involvement.

4 “(2) DEMONSTRATION THAT GOALS WERE
5 MET.—In order for an eligible entity to receive a
6 second or subsequent grant made under this subtitle
7 after the effective date of this paragraph, such entity
8 shall demonstrate to the State that it has met the
9 goals described in paragraph (1).”.

10 (j) DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.—
11 Section 680 of the Community Services Block Grant Act
12 (42 U.S.C. 9921) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a)—

14 (A) in paragraph (2)—

15 (i) in subparagraph (A) by inserting
16 “(including financial assistance for con-
17 struction or substantial rehabilitation of
18 buildings and facilities, and for loans or in-
19 vestments in private business enterprises
20 owned by community development corpora-
21 tions)” after “assistance”,

22 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
23 (B), (C), (D), and (E) as subparagraphs
24 (D), (E), (F), and (G), respectively, and



1 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph
2 (A) the following:

3 “(B) FEDERAL INTEREST.—The Secretary
4 shall establish procedures that permit funds
5 provided under a grant made under this para-
6 graph, or intangible assets acquired with such
7 funds, to become the sole property of the grant-
8 ee before the expiration of the 12-year period
9 beginning after the fiscal year for which such
10 grant is made if such grantee agrees to use
11 such funds or such property for purposes and
12 uses consistent with the purposes and uses for
13 which such grant is made.

14 “(C) REPLACEMENT ACTIVITIES.—The
15 Secretary shall establish procedures to allow a
16 grant made under this paragraph to be used by
17 a grantee to carry out activities substantially
18 similar to the activities for which such grant is
19 made if, due to no fault of such grantee, such
20 grantee cannot carry out the activities for which
21 such grant is made. Such procedures shall re-
22 quire that the substantially similar activities
23 serve the same impact area and have the same
24 goals, objectives, and outcomes as the activities
25 for which such grant is made.”,



1 (B) in paragraph (3)(B) by inserting “
2 water and wastewater” after “community”, and

3 (C) in paragraph (4) by striking “neigh-
4 borhood-based” and inserting “community-
5 based”, and

6 (2) in subsection (c) by striking “Chairperson
7 of the Committee on Education” and all that follows
8 through “Human Resources of the Senate” and in-
9 serting “appropriate Congressional committees”.

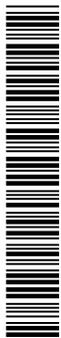
10 (k) COMMUNITY FOOD AND NUTRITION PRO-
11 GRAMS.—Section 681 of the Community Services Block
12 Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9922) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (c) in the matter preceding
14 paragraph (1) by striking “Committee on Edu-
15 cation” and all that follows through “Human Re-
16 sources of the Senate” and inserting “appropriate
17 Congressional committees”, and

18 (2) in subsection (d) by striking “1999 through
19 2003” and inserting “2004 through 2009”.

20 (l) NATIONAL OR REGIONAL PROGRAMS DESIGNED
21 TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR LOW-IN-
22 COME YOUTH.—Section 682 of the Community Services
23 Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9923) is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (b)(5)—



1 (A) by inserting “(which may be accom-
2 plished through mentoring)” after “youth”, and

3 (B) by inserting “to improve academic
4 achievement” after “study practices”, and

5 (2) in subsection (g) by striking “1999 through
6 2003” and inserting “2004 through 2009”.

7 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
9 take effect on the 1st day of the 1st fiscal year beginning
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

