# POLICY ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE

WHEREAS, _____ has received federal funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and,

WHEREAS, Section 519 of the Department of Veteran Affairs and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 1990 requires that all CDBG recipients adopt and enforce a policy to prohibit the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within the recipient's jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, all recipients of CDBG funds are further required to follow a policy of enforcing applicable state and local laws against physically barring entrances or exits to a facility that is the subject of a nonviolent protest demonstration; and

WHEREAS, _____ endorses a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force and will inform all law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction of this policy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, _____ hereby prohibits any law enforcement agency operating within its jurisdiction from using excessive force against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations.  In addition, _____ agrees to enforce any applicable state or local laws against physically barring entrances or exits from a facility or location that is the subject of a non-violent protest demonstration. _____ further pledges enforcement of this policy within its jurisdiction and encourages any individual or group who feels that _____ has not complied with this policy to file a complaint.

Information and assistance relative to excessive force complaints shall be provided by _____ at _____.

Adopted by *{jurisdiction}* this____day of _____, 20____


Signed *{chief elected official}* _____