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### **National Community Development Week 2017 – April 17-22: Celebrating the Important Work of the CDBG Program**

National Community Development Week will take place the week of April 17-22, 2017. Spearheaded by the National Community Development Association, communities across the country will celebrate the work of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The CDBG program provides grants to over 1,200 State and local governments and funds activities such as housing rehabilitation, business assistance, senior services, and infrastructure – to name a few. These activities are primarily targeted to low-income and moderate-income persons and households. Every \$1.00 of CDBG leverages another \$3.65 in other funding; bringing additional resources to communities that support jobs, businesses and, most importantly, the people who live there. Many communities will also recognize the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program during National Community Development Week. HOME provides grants to over 600 State and local governments to create safe, decent and affordable housing, both rental and homeowner.

CDBG and HOME have been proposed for elimination in the President's FY 2018 HUD budget and National Community Development Week provides the opportunity for Congressional Members and the community to see first-hand the results of these programs by touring projects, meeting with State and local staff and interacting directly with the beneficiaries served by the programs. The CDBG Coalition urges its members to participate in National Community Development Week by supporting local project tours, issuing proclamations, engaging and educating Congressional Members on the programs, and reaching out to the media to promote CDBG and HOME.

The CDBG Coalition is a network of 22 national organizations dedicated to the support and funding of the CDBG program. CDBG was enacted in 1974 under the Housing and Community Development Act. It remains one of the most important resources for State and local governments and their partners to use in devising flexible solutions to meet community development needs.

**CDBG Coalition Members:** U.S. Conference of Mayors, National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, National Community Development Association, Council of State Community Development Agencies, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, National Association for County Community and Economic Development, National Association of Development Organizations, American Planning Association, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Habitat for Humanity International, Feeding America, YWCA USA, Enterprise Community Partners, Rebuilding Together, National Recreation and Park Association, National Association of Regional Councils, National Urban League, International Economic Development Council, Heartland Alliance, The Trust for Public Land, and National Development Council