



NCDA Strongly Opposes Elimination of CDBG and HOME

Washington, DC – The National Community Development Association (NCDA) strongly opposes the Administration’s efforts to eliminate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. These programs make up the core of federal investments in community development.

The Administration’s “skinny” budget proposal for FY 2018 eliminates or cuts many programs across most federal agencies, including the elimination of CDBG and HOME. The cuts are being put forward to offset the Administration’s proposal to increase defense spending by \$54 billion in FY 2018. Additionally, the President is proposing to cut CDBG funding by 50 percent in the current FY 2017 to help pay for the border wall. We need to stand united against any threats to CDBG and HOME. NCDA is urging members to reach out to their Congressional Members to invite them to tour locally funded projects and to meet with program sub-recipients and beneficiaries to see first-hand how the programs are used.

This year marks the 43rd anniversary of the CDBG program. The CDBG program provides grants to over 1,200 local governments to create neighborhood approaches that improve the physical, economic and social conditions in communities for low- and moderate-income persons. Communities use CDBG to fund a variety of activities including housing rehabilitation, business assistance, senior services, and infrastructure - to name a few. Every \$1.00 of CDBG leverages another \$3.65 in other funding; bringing additional vital resources to low-income communities. The HOME program, now in its 26th year, provides grants to over 600 local participating jurisdictions to create safe, sanitary, and affordable housing in communities nationwide. It is the only federal funding source dedicated solely to the production of affordable housing. HOME also provides critical gap financing in projects developed using the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit. Every \$1.00 of HOME leverages an additional \$4.26 in other funding.

These programs have already suffered tremendous budget cuts since FY 2010 -- CDBG has been cut by \$1.4 billion and HOME has been cut by \$825 million. “We reject the Administration’s efforts to eliminate the federal role in community development, said NCDA Executive Director Vicki Watson. We will fight to ensure these programs remain intact.”

NCDA members will use the hashtags #CDBGImpact, #HOMEImpact, #Fight4CDBG, #Fight4HOME across their social media platforms to amplify support for the programs.

About NCDA

NCDA is a national association comprised of more than 400 local governments across the country that administer federally-supported community development and affordable housing programs, including CDBG and HOME. To learn more, visit www.ncdaonline.org or contact Vick Watson, Executive Director, at vwatson@ncdaonline.org.