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National Community Development Week – April 2-6: Celebrating the Impact of the CDBG and HOME Programs

Now in its 32nd year, National Community Development Week will take place the week of April 2-6, 2018. During this week, communities across the country will celebrate the work of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) 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 \$4.09 in other funding; bringing additional resources to communities that support jobs, businesses and, most importantly, the people who live there. 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. Every \$1.00 of HOME leverages another \$4.16 in other investment.

The Administration's FY 2019 Budget proposes elimination of CDBG and HOME. 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 28 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:

American Planning Association, Council of Large Public Housing Authorities, Council of State Community Development Agencies, Enterprise Community Partners, Feeding America, Habitat for Humanity International, Heartland Alliance, International Economic Development Council, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, National Association for County Community and Economic Development, National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders, National Association of Counties, National Association of Development Organizations, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies, National Association of Regional Councils, National Community Development Association, National Development Council, National League of Cities, National Main Street Center, National NeighborWorks Association, National Recreation and Park Association, National Urban League, Rebuilding Together, Rural Community Assistance Partnership, The Trust for Public Land, U.S. Conference of Mayors, YWCA USA

