

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Fact Sheet

CDBG has been cut by \$1.4 billion since FY 2001

FY 2001 funding for CDBG: \$4.4 billion FY 2017 funding for CDBG: \$3.0 billion

What is CDBG?

The CDBG program grows local economies and improves the quality of lives for low- and moderate-income citizens. *Every State, Territory, and Congressional District receives or has access to CDBG funds*. Over 1,200 jurisdictions receive an annual allocation of CDBG funds. Nationally, over 7,200 rural, suburban and urban communities have access to CDBG funds. Communities use CDBG to respond to current and emerging community development needs, including the creation of jobs, development of affordable housing, improvement of existing housing stock, the delivery of vital services, and the development of important infrastructure improvements.

CDBG is a jobs generator. Between FY05-FY17, CDBG created/retained 401,992 economic development related jobs.

CDBG leverages other funds. For every \$1.00 of CDBG investment, another \$4.09 in private and public dollars is leveraged

CDBG provides safe, decent, affordable housing. Between FY05-FY17, CDBG assisted over **1.435 million low- and moderate-income homeowners** rehabilitate their homes, provided down payment and closing cost assistance to qualified home buyers, and assisted homeowners with lead-based paint abatement, among other activities.

CDBG provides crucial public improvements to communities. Between FY05-FY17, CDBG public improvements directly benefitted *over 45 million low- and moderate-income people nationwide*. These public improvements included senior centers, child care centers, group homes for persons with disabilities, shelters for victims of domestic violence and homeless veterans, health clinics providing vaccinations and dental care to low-income children, sanitary water and sewer systems, safe streets, and improved drainage systems, among others.

CDBG provides needed public services. Between FY05-FY17, CDBG provided public services to *over 139 million low- and moderate-income persons nationwide*. These services included employment training, meals and other services to the elderly, services to help abused and neglected children, assistance to local food banks, and many other services.