



NCDCA Member Activities

National Community Development Week 2017

The following provides a brief sampling of some of the activities that were conducted last year by NCDCA's members during National Community Development Week.

Bridgeport, CT held a rally to protest the proposed elimination of the CDBG and HOME programs. The mayor, members of the Connecticut Congressional delegation including Senators Murphy and Blumenthal, Representative Jim Himes, City Council Members, Citizen's Union Members, local non-profit organizations, beneficiaries (including Veterans), other city officials, and citizens rallied together to voice their opposition to program cuts. Participants signed a letter to Congressional Appropriators opposing the elimination of the CDBG and HOME programs.

Valdosta, GA involved many CDBG local partners in its National CD Week activities including: Habitat for Humanity, Goodwill, the local chamber of commerce, Valdosta City Schools, Valdosta State University Small Business Development Center, and the local parks and recreation department, among others.

Senator Al Franken (D-MN) toured a CDBG-funded housing project in **Duluth, MN**, followed by a press event.

Killeen, TX hosted Rep. John Carter (R-TX), a member of the House Transportation-HUD (THUD) Subcommittee, at a tour of a CDBG-funded neighborhood revitalization projects.

Longmont, CO produced, perhaps, the cutest and catchiest [video](#) about CDBG ever for National CD Week. The video is led and narrated by children and pre-teens and tells the story of how CDBG is used in Longmont. **Manchester, NH** also produced an outstanding [video](#) for National Community Development Week which showcases local projects funded with CDBG, HOME and HUD's homeless assistance programs.

Rep. David Price (D-NC), Ranking Member of the House THUD, visited an adaptive reuse project in **Durham, NC**. The project is a collaboration between the city, the county, and the school district. The project provides 79 units of elderly housing and 11 classrooms for pre-K education.

Richland County, SC held a tour of CDBG-funded projects which included the Epworth Children's Home where CDBG funds were used to renovate the residential halls and St. Lawrence Place, a 30-unit residential community funded with CDBG where homeless families can find skills and shelter that foster independence.

Murfreesboro, TN and **Beaverton, OR** drafted an article/op-ed on CDBG and National CD Week for their local papers.

Bryan, TX and **College Station, TX** worked together on National CD Week; issuing a joint press release and meeting with their Congressional Members to discuss CDBG and HOME funding.

Portland, ME conducted an all-encompassing National CD Week campaign which included a projects tour, meeting with Congressional Members, article/op-ed in the local newspaper, press release, proclamation, and Twitter/Facebook messaging.

Fort Worth, TX issued a press release and proclamation and participate in Twitter/Facebook messaging throughout the week.

Carrollton, TX participated in a local service project with one of their subrecipients.