



## **Mark Your Calendars - National Community Development Week is April 2-6, 2018**

### **“Celebrating the Impact of the CDBG and HOME Programs”**

#### **#CDWeek2018**

During the week of April 2-6, 2018, join the National Community Development Association (NCDCA) and other community development stakeholders in celebrating the impact that community development programs like the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships program have had on your community.

National Community Development Week is an annual celebration of CDBG and HOME during the Congressional Easter Recess. NCDCA leads the charge on National Community Development Week, but dozens of national stakeholder organizations also participate, including the US Conference of Mayors, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Community Development Agencies, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, and the American Planning Association.

To participate in National Community Development week, NCDCA is asking that you highlight the work you’ve done using CDBG or HOME dollars. These projects can be showcased in a variety of ways, including:

- Write a letter to the editor to your local newspaper about the impact of CDBG and HOME in your community
- Take photos or video of projects and post them to social media, tagging your Congressional delegation in the post
- Schedule a meeting in the district/state offices of your legislators to discuss the impact of CDBG and HOME and post to social media about your meetings
- Invite your Congressional delegation and their staff to do a site visit of a project using community development dollars
- Host a community event at your project and invite local media and your Congressional delegation

Whether you only have the capacity to write a letter to the editor or can plan a full event, your participation in National Community Development Week is critical and impactful. The President’s FY 2019 budget proposal eliminates CDBG and HOME. Appropriators will be working on spending bills this spring, so National Community Development Week provides the perfect opportunity to influence the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

NCDCA will be there to help every step of the way. Please reach out to Vicki Watson, Executive Director, National Community Development Association, at [vwatson@ncdaonline.org](mailto:vwatson@ncdaonline.org) with any questions.