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Communities will Celebrate National Community Development Week – April 2-6, 2018

Theme: Celebrating the Impact of the CDBG and HOME Programs

#CDWeek2018

Washington, DC – National Community Development Week will take place the week of April 2-6, 2018. This year's theme is "Celebrating the Impact of the CDBG and HOME Programs." Communities across the country will come together during this week to celebrate the work of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The National Community Development Association (NCDCA) leads National Community Development Week.

CDBG and HOME

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 \$4.11 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 \$4.33 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 community members to see first-hand the results of these programs by touring projects, meeting with local staff and interacting directly with beneficiaries served by the programs.

CDBG and HOME make-up the core programs for NCDCA's members. "Given the far-reaching need and impact of these critical programs, it is indefensible that the Administration would propose elimination of both programs in its FY19 budget. Our members are ready to prove the impact and need of these programs through their National Community Development Week events and activities," said NCDCA Executive Director, Vicki Watson.

For more information on National Community Development Week, please contact Vicki Watson, Executive Director, National Community Development Association, at vwatson@ncdaonline.org.

NCDCA

NCDCA is a national non-partisan, non-profit membership-based organization that represents local government departments across the country that administer federally-supported community and economic development and affordable housing programs. NCDCA is an association of people committed to assist local governments to achieve high quality, locally-responsive programs for making communities better places in which to live and work, particularly for low- and moderate-income people.

