



Mark Your Calendars – National Community Development Week is April 22-26, 2019
“CDBG and HOME Make Communities Better Places to Live and Work”
#CDWeek2019

During the week of April 22-26, 2019, join the National Community Development Association (NCDNA) and other stakeholders in celebrating the impact of the CDBG and HOME programs. National Community Development Week is an annual celebration and recognition of CDBG and HOME during the Congressional Easter Recess. NCDNA leads the charge on National Community Development Week, but many other national stakeholder organizations also participate, including the National Association of Counties, U.S. Conference of Mayors, Council of State Community Development Agencies, National Association of Regional Councils, National Association for County Community and Economic Development, and National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies.

- We urge all members to participate in National Community Development Week to highlight the importance of the CDBG and HOME programs to your community. Your participation can take many forms, such as:
- Meeting with your Congressional Member and their staff in their district office to discuss the impact of the programs and the need for more funding.
- Conduct a tour of CDBG and HOME funded projects or invite your Congressional Members and local media to a site visit of one or two projects.
- Host a community event at a project site or ribbon cutting and invite your Congressional delegation and local media.
- Take photos or video of projects and post them to social media, tagging your Congressional delegation. Don't forget to use #CDWeek 2019.
- Write a letter to your Congressional delegation about the impact of CDBG and HOME in the community and the need for more funding. Provide project examples.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about the impact of CDBG and HOME in your community.

Whether you only have the capacity to write a letter or can plan a full event, your participation in National Community Development Week is critical and impactful. Appropriators will be working on spending bills this spring, so National Community Development Week provides the perfect opportunity to influence federal spending for CDBG and HOME in the coming year. NCDNA will be there to help you every step of the way. Please reach out to Vicki Watson at vwatson@ncdaonline.org with any questions.