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### The CDBG Coalition Releases National Report on the CDBG Program

The CDBG Coalition today released a report, **CDBG: Impact and Funding Need**, during a briefing and panel discussion on Capitol Hill. The report was developed to educate Congress and the public on the CDBG program and bring attention to the need for more program funding.

The report provides an overview of the CDBG program; how it works and program impact. The report also discusses the erosion of program funding and examines CDBG funding need across the country, including the results of a *CDBG Needs Survey*.

Important report findings include the following:

- **The CDBG program is impactful.** CDBG has invested nearly \$64 billion in local economies since 2000. Further, every \$1.00 of CDBG funding leverages another \$4.09 in public and private funding.
- **The need for the CDBG program has increased.** In 1975, 594 grantees received an allocation of CDBG funds. Today, 1,268 grantees receive an allocation of funds.
- **Program funding has not kept pace with program need.** In 1975, Congress allocated \$2.4 billion to the program. In 2019, Congress appropriated \$3.3 billion to the CDBG program.
- **The program has never been adjusted for inflation.** If resources were maintained with inflation, \$2.4 billion in 1975 would have the same buying power as \$11.2 billion today.
- **Local projects have been cancelled, delayed, reduced and eliminated due to a lack of CDBG funding.** Over 92% of the 253 local governments that responded to the *CDBG Needs Survey* have reduced local CDBG-funded programs because of a lack of CDBG funding and nearly 70% have eliminated some programs altogether because of a decrease in CDBG funding.

The CDBG program is an important investment tool for low- and moderate-income communities and neighborhoods but program funding must increase to meet local need to ensure CDBG grantee communities are healthy, vibrant and thriving. The full report is available at the following link. For more information, please contact Vicki Watson, Executive Director, National Community Development Association, at [vwatson@ncdaonline.org](mailto:vwatson@ncdaonline.org).

Report link:

<https://ncdaonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/CDBG-Report-72019.pdf>

The CDBG Coalition is a network of 32 national organizations dedicated to the support and funding of the CDBG program.

