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CDBG Coalition Releases *Improving Lives and Strengthening Communities* Detailing How CDBG Advances People & Places

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Washington, DC –

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coalition announced its latest report today highlighting CDBG's significant role in local-led projects and services. The updated edition, [*CDBG: Improving Lives, Strengthening Communities*](#), offers an overview of how CDBG invests in community-based activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

The report details how CDBG promotes activities responsive to specific local needs. Key information shared includes how CDBG works, why it matters to local-based developments, and types of activities supported by program dollars. Administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), CDBG resources are invested in every state and congressional district annually. Over 1,250 state and local governments receive CDBG allocations to support housing rehabilitation programs, public infrastructure projects, small business assistance, emergency housing assistance, and a broad range of public service programming.

While meaningful to communities nationwide, CDBG has experienced major cuts over time. Annual funding has declined in recent decades with the program's latest appropriated level - \$3.3 billion – \$150 million less than FY21 and far less than its highest mark of \$4.5 billion in FY95. As a result, fewer funds are available to drive local solutions to varying public-wide challenges.

The CDBG Coalition consists of 33 national organizations which recognize the importance of the CDBG program in empowering and transforming people and places. The organizations represent elected officials, state and local government agencies, non-profit organizations, and advocates. The Coalition calls on Congress to provide robust funding – at least \$4.2 billion for formula grants -- in FY25.

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National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders
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