## Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fact Sheet



For the past five decades, the CDBG program has been one of the most important resources used by state and local governments to meet community development needs. CDBG is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with the intention of funding a wide range of project areas, principally for low- and moderate-income people. This fact sheet highlights one of CDBG's most important areas.

## **MARCH 2024: PUBLIC SERVICES**

- Serves the Nation. Every State, U.S. Territory, and Congressional District has access to CDBG funding.
- Improves community well-being. CDBG serves to maintain quality of life and address critical needs within vulnerable populations through immediate and long term services.
- Since FY2005, CDBG provided funding for public services that assisted over **189 million low- and moderate-income people** nationwide.
- In FY2023 alone, CDBG provided funding for **public services** that assisted **over 7.5 million people** nationwide.
- Accessible for all. Public services are provided by large and small public and private organizations in diverse settings such as schools, community facilities and other venues.



CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES EXPENDITURE

**BY ACTIVITY, FY2023** 

• Flexibility for community needs. CDBG public service activities include programs serving the homeless, aid to local food banks, services for low-income seniors, employment training, services for abused and neglected children, services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and health services.

## **Congress Must Support CDBG**

- Funding has significantly diminished since the inception of the program.
- The 2023 enacted appropriation of \$3.3 billion represents approximately **one quarter of the funding level in 1975** when adjusted for inflation, while **the number of grantees has doubled**.
- The CDBG Coalition calls on all Members of Congress to fund at least **\$4.2 billion in CDBG formula grants in** FY2025.

The CDBG Coalition consists of 33 national organizations which recognize the importance of the CDBG program in empowering and transforming people and places. For more information on CDBG and the CDBG Coalition, please contact Vicki Watson with the National Community Development Association (<u>watson@ncdaonline.org</u>).