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National Community Development Week – April 1-5, 2024 #CDWeek2024 #CDBG50 #CDBGWorks #HOMEWorks

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The National Community Development Association (NCDA) and its members across the country are celebrating National Community Development Week, April 1-5, to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the impact of the program on local communities. Member communities are also recognizing the work of the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The programs are critical to the development of local strategies and initiatives to provide affordable housing, critical services, community infrastructure, and economic development in low- and moderate-income areas.

Enacted by Congress in 1974 under the Housing and Community Development Act, the primary goal of the CDBG program is simple yet profound: to empower local communities, providing them with the resources and tools necessary to enhance the quality of life for all residents. 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.

From FY2005 to FY2023, CDBG facilitated the creation and retention of 563,236 economic development related jobs, contributed to infrastructure developments benefitting approximately 57 million persons, assisted over 189 million persons through public service activities, and met the housing needs of over 1.9 million households.

Since 1992, the HOME program has produced more than 1.37 million affordable housing units and assisted more than 387,000 households through tenant-based rental assistance.

The Administration's FY 2025 budget proposal cuts CDBG formula grants by \$400 million and provides level funding for HOME formula grants at a time when more funding is needed to address the affordable housing crisis and meet critical community development needs.

National Community Development Week provides the opportunity for Congressional members to see first-hand the results of these programs and to learn from grantees, program subrecipients and beneficiaries why more program funding is needed.

National Community Development Association (NCDA)

NCDA is a national association that represents local government departments across the country that administer federally supported community development and affordable housing programs. NCDA members administer HUD Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs – CDBG, HOME, Homeless Assistance Grants, and HOPWA. Since 1969, NCDA has been at the forefront in securing federal resources and designing effective and responsive housing and community development programs for local governments. NCDA is an association of people committed to assisting local governments achieve high quality, locally responsive programs for making communities better places in which to live and work, particularly for low- and moderate-income people.