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NCDA Celebrates National Community Development Week – April 21-25 #CDWeek2025 #CDBGWorks #HOMEWorks

Washington, DC – The National Community Development Association (NCDA) and its members across the country are celebrating National Community Development Week, April 21-25, 2025, to recognize the importance and impact of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The programs help support affordable housing preservation and production, infrastructure, local economic development activities, and critical services for low- and moderate-income people.

From FY2005 to FY2024, the CDBG program facilitated the creation and retention of 581,495 economic development related jobs, contributed to infrastructure developments benefiting nearly 57 million people, assisted over 200 million persons through public service activities, and met the housing needs of over 2 million households.¹ Since 1992, HOME program funding has led to the development of over 1.37 million affordable housing units and the provision of tenant-based rental assistance to over 387,000 households.²

National Community Development Week provides the opportunity for Congressional members to see first-hand the results of these programs. The pressing need in the current economy for these funds remains critical. Local grantees report receiving more CDBG funding requests than they can accommodate. The cost of labor and materials related to the program's two major activities, infrastructure and housing, has increased. And, with rising inflation and housing costs, more people need CDBG and HOME assistance.

"Funding for these federal programs must increase to help grantees and their local partners keep pace with program needs," said NCDA Executive Director, Vicki Watson.

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NCDA is a national association that represents local government departments across the country that administer federally supported community development and affordable housing programs. 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.

¹ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, FY2005-FY2024 CDBG National Accomplishment Report.

² U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, FY2025 HOME budget justifications.