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National Community Development Association Decries Proposed Elimination of CDBG and HOME Programs in Trump Administration's 'Skinny' Budget

Washington, D.C. – Late last week, the Trump Administration sent a "skinny" FY26 budget request for discretionary programs to Congressional leaders and appropriators that **eliminates funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program** in FY26 and suggests that the two programs should be funded by state and local governments. The National Community Development Association (NCDA) underscores the essential nature of these programs.

Vicki Watson, executive director for NCDA, released the following statement: "For decades, CDBG and HOME funding has built stronger, more vibrant communities and strengthened the nation's foundations of economic opportunity and resilience. CDBG and HOME funds increase the quality of life for millions of Americans through job creation, public infrastructure improvements, the revitalization of declining rural areas, affordable housing developments, the creation of public services, and more. Federal investments in these programs aren't simply expenditures; they're essential commitments for growing local economies and ensuring successful futures for our collective communities. I urge Congress to act now to save these important programs that have received widespread bi-partisan support for decades."

Currently, **over 1,200 jurisdictions** receive an annual allocation of CDBG funds and **more than 7,200 rural, suburban and urban communities** across the U.S. have access to CDBG funds.

In the last 20 years alone, the CDBG Program:

- directly created or retained more than **581K permanent jobs** for low- and moderate-income people
- addressed the housing needs of **2.1M+ households**
- improved public infrastructures for an **estimated 59M individuals**
- assisted **more than 20M people** through public service activities

CDBG-funded projects more than pay for themselves, and funds are often combined with other federal, state, and local resources to make projects whole. Grantees reported that CDBG investments leveraged an average of \$5.02 for every \$1.00 of CDBG grant funding during 2022

– amplifying the program’s ROI with \$4.9 billion in regional dollars, private sector monies, and other resources.

For more information on the CDBG and HOME programs, please visit these U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) sites: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-entitlement/> and <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/home/>.

About the National Community Development Association (NCDA):

The National Community Development Association (NCDA) is a non-partisan national nonprofit association comprised of more than 500 local governments across the country that administer federally – supported community development, affordable housing, and economic development programs through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). 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. <https://ncdaonline.org/>

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