



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **NCDAA Recognizes National Community Development Week National Community Development Week – April 6-10, 2026 #CDWeek2026 #CDBGworks #HOMEworks**

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#### **Washington, DC –**

The National Community Development Association (NCDAA), along with its member organizations, will observe National Community Development Week from April 6-10, 2026. This week is dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the significant contributions made by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program. Both initiatives play a vital role in supporting communities nationwide, and National Community Development Week highlights their positive impact and importance.

Now in its 40<sup>th</sup> year, this annual event serves as the premier occasion for grassroots advocacy in support of CDBG and HOME programs. Each year, National Community Development Week brings together grantees, subrecipients, beneficiaries, lawmakers, community leaders, and advocates to highlight the positive impact of these programs and the need for continued investment. This collective grassroots effort is especially crucial now, as the Administration's Fiscal Year 2027 budget, released on April 3, proposes the elimination of funding for these vital community development programs.

National Community Development Week is intentionally held annually during the Congressional appropriations season and Easter Week when Congress is in recess so that lawmakers can participate in National Community Development Week meetings and events. This week, communities across the country will showcase projects funded with CDBG and HOME resources and their local impact. Later today, NCDAA and the CDBG Coalition will release a report, *Improving Lives and Strengthening Communities*, to inform lawmakers and stakeholders of CDBG's impact in

strengthening communities and enhancing the quality of life for people with low- and moderate-incomes.

#### CDBG Program

The CDBG program provides resources to states and localities to support stronger and more resilient communities for low- and moderate-income people. Every \$1.00 of CDBG leverages \$5.02 in additional resources that further enhance community development. Over 1,200 state and local governments receive annual CDBG allocations to support housing rehabilitation programs, public infrastructure projects, small business assistance, emergency housing assistance, and a broad range of public service programming. Since FY 2005, program resources have enabled more than 2.9 million households to access safe and affordable housing through a variety of activities, including housing rehabilitation and homeownership assistance. Since FY 2005, it has helped create or retain over 650,000 jobs related to economic development, strengthening local economies. Furthermore, CDBG-funded infrastructure projects have benefited more than 95 million low- and moderate-income people. These accomplishments highlight the critical role of the CDBG program in fostering thriving, resilient communities across the country.

#### HOME Program

Designed to address both rental and homeownership challenges, HOME funds are instrumental in financing, constructing, and preserving affordable housing options for individuals and families. Since 1994, the HOME program has made a substantial impact by supporting the development and preservation of more than 1.4 million affordable housing units. HOME resources have provided rental assistance to over 400,000 households, directly improving the lives of those facing housing insecurity. For every \$1.00 of HOME funds allocated, \$5.00 in other public and private resources are generated, significantly expanding the reach and effectiveness of affordable housing initiatives.

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*The National Community Development Association (NCDA) is a non-partisan national nonprofit association comprised of more than 500 local government agencies across the country that administer HUD resources, principally the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program. NCDA is an association of people committed to assisting local governments achieve high-quality, responsive programs for building thriving communities.*

