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National Community Development Week – April 22-26, 2019 Celebrating the Impact of the CDBG and HOME Programs #CDWeek2019

Washington, DC – The National Community Development Association, National Association of Counties, U.S. Conference of Mayors, Council of State Community Development Agencies, National Association of Regional Councils, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies, National Association for County Community and Economic Development, and the International Code Council recognize April 22-26, 2019 as National Community Development Week. Communities across the country will come together this week to celebrate the impact of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. This year's theme is "CDBG and HOME Make Communities Better Places to Live and Work."

The CDBG program provides grants to 1,268 local and state governments and funds activities such as housing rehabilitation, infrastructure improvements, and local services – to name a few. CDBG funds are targeted to low- and moderate-income people and neighborhoods. Every \$1.00 of CDBG leverages another \$4.09 in other funding; bringing additional resources to communities that support jobs, businesses and, most importantly, the people who live there. Since 2005, the CDBG program has provided rehabilitation assistance and purchase assistance to over 1.43 million homeowners and homebuyers. Since 2005, the CDBG program has funded public infrastructure projects that have assisted over 47 million people and funded local services that have assisted over 147 million people nationwide. The HOME program provides grants to over 600 participating jurisdictions to help fund safe, decent, affordable housing for low-income households. Every \$1.00 of HOME leverages another \$4.38 in other funding. Since 1992, the HOME program has created more than 1.3 million affordable homes and provided rental assistance to more than 356,000 low-income families.

Given the continued need for affordable housing, infrastructure, and investment in low-income neighborhoods, we call on Congress to support these critical programs by increasing funding for CDBG and HOME in FY20. National Community Development Week provides the opportunity for Congressional Members and community members to see first-hand the results of the CDBG and HOME programs by touring projects, meeting with local staff and interacting directly with beneficiaries served by the program.