



Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Fact Sheet

What is CDBG?

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is a highly impactful federal program that allows State and local governments and their program partners to craft locally driven solutions to address urgent and important community development needs. Program activities focus on four areas: decent housing, infrastructure (public improvements), services, and economic development. The CDBG program grows local economies and improves the quality of lives for low- and moderate-income citizens. Over 1,200 jurisdictions receive an annual allocation of CDBG funds. Nationally, over 7,200 rural, suburban and urban communities have access to CDBG funds. Communities use CDBG to respond to current and emerging community development needs, including job creation, affordable housing development, improvement of existing housing stock, the delivery of services, and the development of infrastructure improvements.

CDBG Works

The program serves the Nation. Every State, U.S. Territory, and Congressional District receives or has access to CDBG funding.

The program assists needful populations. Over 95% of the funds are directed to neighborhoods and families that are low/moderate-income (80% or less of area median income).

The program leverages other funding. For every \$1.00 of CDBG investment, another \$4.00 in private and public dollars is leveraged.

CDBG is a jobs generator. Between FY05-FY19, CDBG created/retained **439,287** economic development related jobs.

The program impacts millions of people annually. In FY19 alone, the program provided funding to public services and infrastructure projects that directly assisted over 9 million people. An additional 84,088 households were assisted through CDBG-funded housing projects. Since FY05 (the first year HUD started maintaining data on CDBG), the program has

impacted millions of people; providing decent, safe, affordable housing; critical public improvements, and needed public services.

- **CDBG provides safe, decent, affordable housing.** Between FY05-FY19, CDBG assisted over **1.585 million low- and moderate-income households** rehabilitate their homes, provided down payment and closing cost assistance to qualified home buyers, and assisted homeowners with lead-based paint abatement, among other activities.
- **CDBG provides crucial public improvements to communities.** Between FY05-FY19, CDBG public improvements directly benefitted **over 49 million low- and moderate-income people nationwide**. These public improvements included senior centers, child care centers, group homes for persons with disabilities, shelters for victims of domestic violence and homeless veterans, health clinics providing vaccinations and dental care to low-income children, sanitary water and sewer systems, safe streets, and improved drainage systems, among others.
- **CDBG provides needed public services.** Between FY05-FY19, CDBG provided public services to **over 154 million low- and moderate-income persons nationwide**. These services included employment training, meals and other services to the elderly, services to help abused and neglected children, assistance to local food banks, and many other services.

The CDBG Program Remains Underfunded

The program has been cut by \$1 billion since FY 2001

FY 2001 funding for CDBG: \$4.4 billion

FY 2020 funding for CDBG: \$3.4 billion

Continue to Restore Program Funding in FY21

We urge Congress to continue to restore funding to the CDBG program by providing **at least \$3.8 billion** in FY21.