

Washington Update

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Overview

A Look Back: 117th Congress & Appropriations

118th Congress

HUD FY24 Budget

Administrative Actions

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117th Congress: Major Actions American Rescue Plan Act

- \$362B to State and Local Recovery Initiatives (Treasury)
- \$5B homelessness prevention via HOME (HUD)
- \$22B emergency rental assistance (Treasury)
- \$10B homeowners assistance (Treasury)
- \$3B economic recovery (EDA)

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act

• \$550B transportation, utilities & resiliency

CHIPS & Science Act

• \$260B semiconductor research & manufacturing

Inflation Reduction Act

- \$369B energy & climate initiatives
- \$64B Affordable Care Act extension

117th Congress

HUD-CPD Appropriations (in billions)		
Program	FY22	FY23
CDBG (Formula)	\$3.3	\$3.3
HOME	\$1.5	\$1.5
Homeless Assistance	\$3.2	\$3.63
CDBG- DR (CR + final)	\$5	\$5
HOPWA	\$.45	\$.49
Section 108	\$.3	\$.3
SHOP	\$.063	\$.063
New Programs (in billions)		
Program	FY22	FY23
Community Projects	\$1.5	\$2.98
Recovery Housing	\$.025	\$.03
YIMBY	\$ -	\$.085
PRICE	\$ -	\$.225

117th Congress

Appropriations Report Language

- Elevate solutions on removing barriers to housing production
- CDBG formula study
- Coordinate CDBG w. other federal programs
- Prioritize acceleration fund in DR (private capital loans)
- Coordinate homelessness assistance w. Medicare/Medicaid
- Leverage funds for permanent supportive housing w. other sources
- Create digital point-in-time count for enhanced data and analysis
- Bring HOPWA data reporting in line w. other CPD programs

117th Congress

Separate House hearings on CDBG Flexible Federal Funding: Ex

Policy Engagement

- Flexible Federal Funding: Examining the Community Development Block Grant Program and Its Impact on Addressing Local Challenges (June 2021)
- Persistent Poverty in America: Addressing Chronic Disinvestment in Colonias, the Southern Black Belt, and the U.S. Territories (Nov 2022)
- House & Senate hearings on homelessness (Feb & July 2022)
- Senate Banking hearing on CDBG-DR (Dec 2021)
- Discussion draft introduced on CDBG reauthorization (Nov 2022)
- Revised bill introduced to authorize CDBG-DR
- Senate hearing on state of housing (March 2021)
- Introduction of Build Back Better Act (2021)

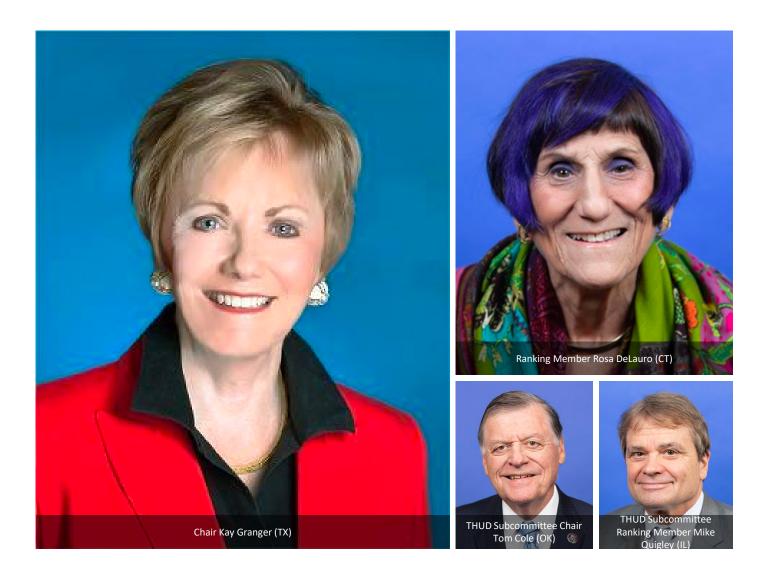


118th Congress Leadership

Senate Appropriations



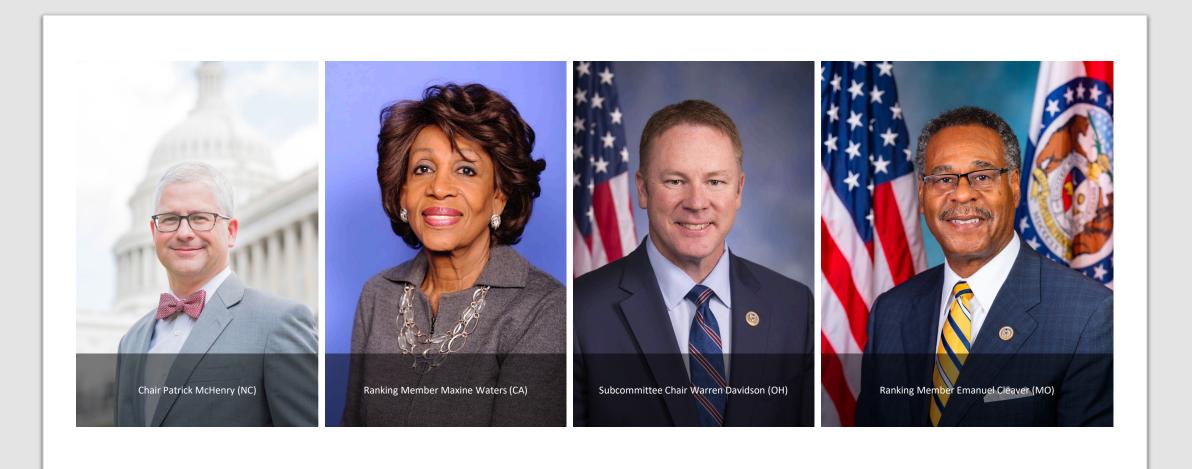




Senate Banking



House Financial Services



118th Congress: **Opportunities** on Housing Policies/CPD Updates?

- First Senate Banking hearing focused on housing
- Renewed efforts to expand housing tax credits
- Advancement of *Reforming DR Act* (reintroduction soon)
- Renew programs w. lapsed authorizations



HUD FY24 Budget

- \$73B request, +\$1.1B over FY23 enacted
- \$104B in affordable housing (mandatory)
- Calls on Congress to authorize CDBG-DR
- HUD CPD S&Es \$180m = 928 FTEs
- CDBG \$3.45B (YIMBY \$85m)(Recovery Housing \$30m)
- HOME \$1.8B (\$100m for first-time homebuyer assistance)
- Homeless Assistance
 \$3.749B (CoC \$3.29B, ESG \$290m)
- HOPWA \$505m

HUD Budget: Policy Requests

- CDBG:
 - Increase the administrative cap for states (6%),
 - Directive for states to issue compliance standards for monitoring sub-grantees,
 - Increase support for low-capacity entitlements by allowing the state to administer grant funds until administration is sufficiently reinforced
- HOME:
 - Establish a first-time homebuyers downpayment assistance program
 - Extend suspensions on 1) recapture of uncommitted funds past the 24-month commitment deadline and 2) unused CHDO set-aside funds past the two-year period
 - Streamlining statutory policies to better accommodate delivery of program funds.

HUD Budget: Policy Requests

Homeless Assistance Grants:

- Update the current Continuum of Care (CoC) NOFO from an annual to twoyear application process
- Increase the CoC planning grant threshold from three to five percent of total funding.

Housing Trust Fund:

- Authorize an environmental review process for HTF
- Eliminate the program's twoyear commitment deadline
- Align HTF with other HUD programs on adhering to Davis Bacon labor standards.

Administrative Actions

Housing Supply Action Plan

- Guidance on applying SLFRF to affordable housing development
- Launch of Federal Financing Bank's Risk Sharing program (low-interest loans)
- Improved guidance on using HUD-CPD for housing
- Reopening HOME rule
- Renewed guidance to use CDBG for housing

Rulemaking

- CDBG
- AFFH
- Davis Bacon

BABA implementation CDBG-DR Improvements (RFIs)



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Funding

- Increase annual spending on HUD-CPD programs
- Advance funding to sustain HUD-CPD S&Es
- Target resources for IT improvements

HUD

- Promote streamlined compliance standards (align w. other agencies)
- Study Section 3, Davis Bacon's impact to project development

Congress

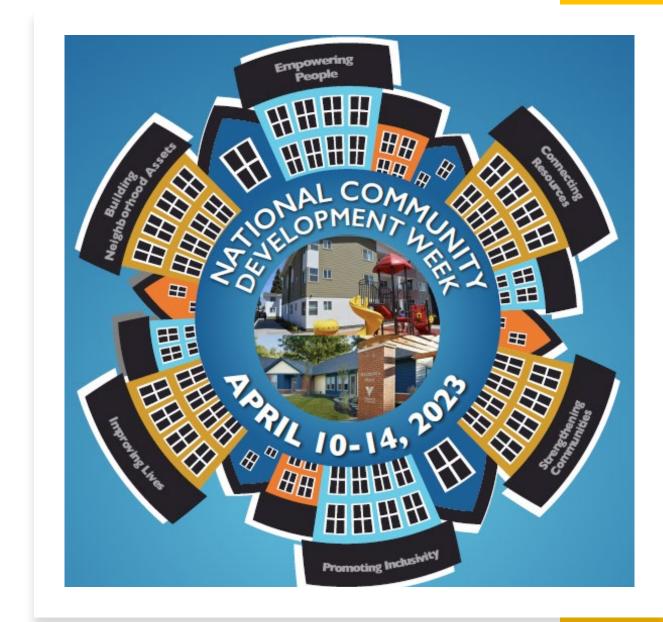
- Enhance program resources & performance via statutory updates
 - CDBG, CDBG-DR, HOME, HTF, Homeless Assistance

National Community Development Week

- National Community Development Week is April 10-14
- Get Involved!
 - ✓ Governor Proclamation
 - ✓ Press Release
 - ✓ Site Visit (Local Government to Host)
 - ✓ Social media (projects, leveraged investments)
 - \checkmark Local media interview
 - ✓ Letter to congressional delegation showcasing latest CDBG awards

✓ NCDW 2023 Resources

✓ Share plans w. COSCDA! <u>jshumaker@coscda.org</u>







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THANK YOU!

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