



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CDBG Coalition Celebrates National Community Development Week National Community Development Week – April 10-14, 2023 #CDWeek2023 #CDBGworks**

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#### **Washington, DC –**

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coalition is celebrating National Community Development Week, April 10-14. The CDBG Coalition consists of 31 national organizations which recognize the importance of the CDBG program in empowering and transforming people and places. The organizations represent elected officials, state and local government agencies, non-profit organizations, and advocates. The Coalition calls on Congress to provide robust funding – at least \$4.2 billion for formula grants – in fiscal year (FY) 2024.

CDBG provides resources to states and localities to support stronger and more resilient communities for low- and moderate-income people. The program has a strong return-on-investment; in 2021, every \$1.00 of CDBG leveraged \$2.80 in additional resources to further enhance community development. Nearly 1,250 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.

National Community Development Week celebrates the impact of the CDBG program. Communities across the country will showcase projects funded with CDBG resources and local impact.

Quotes from congressional supporters of CDBG:

Senator Susan Collins, Maine

“Community Development Block Grants provide significant investments in infrastructure, economic development, housing, and other projects that create and sustain jobs, support families, and lift up entire communities. The progress we are making on developing affordable housing and reducing homelessness for our most vulnerable neighbors is a direct result of the assistance from this program,” said Senator Collins.

“National Community Development Week is an opportunity to continue to advance this important work in Maine and across the country.”

Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, Missouri's 5<sup>th</sup> District

“Community Development Block Grants are a powerful tool for revitalizing underserved communities, stimulating economic opportunity, and, very dear to my heart, expanding housing opportunities for families,” said Congressman Cleaver. “As a former Mayor, I understand that federal investments provided by the CDBG program, along with the flexibility of local input and instruction, is what allows so many important projects to move forward. As we celebrate National Community Development Week, let us not only recognize the life-changing impact created by the Community Development Block Grants but work to strengthen the program so that more communities may benefit in the future.”

Senator Dianne Feinstein, California

“California understands the value of Community Development Block Grants. They help our communities grow and strengthen local economies, allow for more affordable housing to be built, provide essential services to our most vulnerable, and offer support for those recovering from devastating natural disasters like wildfire, earthquakes, and torrential storms.”

Senator Tammy Baldwin, Wisconsin

“Community Development Block Grants provide Wisconsin communities with the resources they need to spur economic development, increase access to affordable housing, create good paying jobs, and so much more,” said Senator Baldwin. “I am happy to support this vital program and look forward to seeing its continued impact across the Badger State.”

Senator Tina Smith, Minnesota

“I have long believed that those closest to the work know best what will work. The Community Development Block Grant program provides flexible funding for communities to invest in what's needed most. National Community Development Week is a welcome opportunity to highlight the great work being accomplished on the ground. From vital water infrastructure to emergency shelter and rehabbing affordable housing, these investments truly make a difference in Minnesota.”

### **CDBG Coalition**

American Library Association  
American Planning Association  
Council of Large Public Housing Authorities  
Council of State Community Development Agencies  
Enterprise Community Partners  
Feeding America  
Habitat for Humanity International  
Heartland Alliance  
Housing Assistance Council

International Code Council  
International Economic Development Council  
Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
National Association for County Community and Economic Development  
National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders  
National Association of Counties  
National Association of Development Organizations  
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials  
National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies  
National Association of Regional Councils  
National Community Development Association  
National League of Cities  
National Main Street Center  
National NeighborWorks Association  
National Recreation and Park Association  
National Rural Water Association  
National Urban League  
Rebuilding Together  
Rural Community Assistance Partnership  
The Trust for Public Land  
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