



October 13, 2023

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Washington, District of Columbia 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins  
Vice Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Washington, District of Columbia 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, District Columbia 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, District Columbia 20515

The Honorable Brian Schatz  
Chair, Senate Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing,  
and Urban Development  
Washington, District of Columbia 20510

The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith  
Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing,  
and Urban Development  
Washington, District of Columbia 20510

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair, House Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing,  
and Urban Development  
Washington, District of Columbia 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley  
Ranking Member, House Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing  
and Urban Development  
Washington, District of Columbia 20515

Dear Chair Murray, Vice Chair Collins, Chairwoman Granger, Ranking Member DeLauro,  
Chairman Schatz, Ranking Member Hyde-Smith, Chairman Cole, and Ranking Member Quigley:

Following respective committee markups in the House and Senate, the 33 undersigned national organizations request your approval of no less than **\$3.3 billion for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula program** as a part of a final fiscal year (FY) 2024 appropriations measure. Sustained funding to CDBG ensures communities have the resources necessary to address key needs in public facilities, housing, public services such as senior care and workforce training, and economic development among other priorities. The program remains a widespread, accessible tool to transform neighborhoods, improve economic and social outcomes, and uplift people out of poverty. Ongoing resources ensure states and localities can accommodate projects and services for vulnerable populations.

CDBG is a proven and effective use of federal funds for low- and moderate-income (LMI) populations. From 2005 to 2022, the program facilitated the creation and retention of 521,432 jobs, contributed to infrastructure developments benefitting approximately 609 million persons, assisted over 980 million persons through public service activities, and met the housing needs of over 1.7 million households. CDBG investments leveraged an average of \$2.80 for every \$1.00 of grant funding in 2021, amplifying the program's return on investment with \$2.4 billion in other resources.<sup>1</sup>

CDBG was approved at \$3.3 billion in FY23 – \$150 million less than FY21 and far less than its highest mark of \$4.5 billion in FY95. Further cuts to the program coupled with increased inflation means CDBG facilitates fewer projects and services. As a result, less LMI households are assisted in basic needs including clean water, stable and affordable housing, education and healthcare facilities, and public safety.

We call on Congress to continue to **fund CDBG formula grants at no less than \$3.3 billion in FY 2024**. If you have any questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact Vicki Watson, National Community Development Association, [vwatson@ncdaonline.org](mailto:vwatson@ncdaonline.org) or Josh Shumaker, Council of State Community Development Agencies, [jshumaker@coscda.org](mailto:jshumaker@coscda.org).

Sincerely,

American Library Association  
American Planning Association  
Boys and Girls Clubs of America  
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  
KABOOM!  
Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
Main Street America  
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

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. FY24 Budget – Congressional Justification (Community Development Fund). [https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CFO/documents/2024\\_CJ\\_Program\\_-\\_CDF.pdf](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CFO/documents/2024_CJ_Program_-_CDF.pdf).

National Community Development Association  
National League of Cities  
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  
U.S. Conference of Mayors  
YWCA USA