



**COSCDA
ADVOCACY
PRIORITIES
2025**

*Approved by COSCDA
Board of Directors
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TIMELINE

- Input requested from committees, general membership (Sept)
- Committees edit/add & initial draft made available to committee for consideration (Oct)
- Board review/vote for adoption (Nov)



CROSS-CUTTING

Categories	Priorities
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide \$173m for CPD salaries and expenses• Direct targeted resources to HUD IT
HUD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Streamline compliance standards• Implement AFFH responsive to state programs• Revise NEPA compliance to streamline environmental reviews• Assess Davis Bacon effectiveness/impact• Strengthen interagency partnerships & program coordination• Ensure compliance w. BABA & VAWA
Congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve Davis Bacon standards responsive to modern construction

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Categories	Priorities
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$4.2 billion (formula grants) in FY25
HUD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elevate CDBG's role for critical financing in community growth
Congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modernize CDBG responsive to 21st Century needs

HOUSING

Categories	Priorities
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$2.5 billion (HOME)• Increase resources to HTF
HUD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote resources/regulations for housing infrastructure via HOME/HTF
Congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase resources & reforms for HOME and HTF• Expand LIHTCs

HOMELESSNESS

Categories	Priorities
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$3.9 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants incl. \$600m for ESG• Expand housing vouchers
HUD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support additional funds under HAGs for ESG• Increase available use of ESG for existing shelters• Improve PHA-CoC coordination• Integrate homelessness data w. supportive services
Congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthen administrative capacity/TA for CoC, ESG, & HOPWA• Streamline administration to improve program efficiency

DISASTER RECOVERY

Categories	Priorities
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual funding for capacity/TA
HUD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Align environmental reviews for coastal/inland risk areas• Ensure timely data in disaster response• Expand waivers to include planning and housing activities
Congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Codify CDBG-DR and install reforms to improve program outcomes• Extend the Disaster Recovery & Reform Act to leverage resources & address gaps in disaster response• Expand flexibility under FEMA's Individual Assistance to enhance disaster aid
