



COSCD FY2026 Advocacy Priorities

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Specific Funding Requests:

- Appropriate at least **\$4.2 billion** for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to promote flexible development at the state and local level.
- Provide at least **\$2.5 billion** for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to expand affordable housing, rental assistance, and homeownership.
- Provide at least **\$4.75 billion** for Homeless Assistance Grants (HAGs) with sufficient resources directed to Emergency Solutions Grants (ESGs).
- Maintain HUD staffing and performance with no less than **\$180 million** for HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD).

General Funding Requests:

- Enhance information collection and reporting through targeted resources to HUD CPD's IT development.
- Provide annual funding for planning and capacity building recovery activities.
- Establish a **30%** non-entitlement set aside under the Pathways to Removing Obstacles (PRO) Housing grant program.

CROSS-CUTTING PRIORITIES

Requests for HUD:

- Promote streamlined administration of federal compliance standards, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- Clearly communicate what is required from states and rural communities regarding the implementation of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).

Requests for Congress and HUD:

- Provide Build America, Buy America (BABA) exemptions and waivers to HUD programs to ensure continued progress on creating infrastructure and housing supply.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of Davis-Bacon and Section 3 requirements on labor outcomes and provide administrative relief where possible.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

Request for Congress: Improve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to leverage federal investment in local communities.

Request for Congress and HUD: Preserve CDBG's role as a critical financing tool for community growth and economic outcomes.

HOUSING PRIORITIES

Requests for Congress:

- Improve the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to enhance housing supply and improve program administration.
- Preserve the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) to help fill the affordable housing supply gap for the lowest income populations.
- Advance improvements and expansions to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) to spur affordable housing development.

DISASTER RECOVERY PRIORITIES

Request for HUD: Improve data accessibility and exchange for timely disaster response and recovery.

Request for Congress: Permanently authorize and improve the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program to expedite effective disaster recovery.

Requests for Congress and HUD:

- Expand FEMA's Individual Assistance (IA) to direct more meaningful, encompassing, and immediate support to disaster survivors.
- Expand administrative waivers to improve planning and address gaps in disaster response.

HOMELESSNESS PRIORITIES

Requests for HUD:

- Increase flexibility for Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funding to support emergency shelters and housing placements.
- Integrate homelessness data with related supportive services information.
- Incentivize and promote coordination between Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and Continuums of Care (CoCs).

Request for Congress: Authorize proven Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) waivers and flexibilities to create a more efficient program.