



# Community Development Opportunities of the New HUD Landscape

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## About NCDA

- NCDA has been around since 1968
- Membership association for CDBG grantees, primarily
- Over 500 local government members
- Primary focus: advocacy and training

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## Challenges in the New Administration

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### HUD staff reductions

- No solid information on the cuts - # of people let go, offices affected, timeline
- Actions
  - NCDA member outreach to Congressional offices in February – 1,894 direct contacts to Congress
  - Survey to members on HUD staff cuts

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### Program funding reductions

- OMB zeroed out funding for CDBG and HOME in the first Trump term
- Actions
  - CDBG Coalition
    - Letter to Congressional leaders
    - Meetings with appropriations staff
    - Development of CDBG materials
  - National Community Development Week, April 21-25

## Opportunities in the New Administration

### **Deregulation/streamlining of federal programs**

- Streamlining of AFFH requirement
- NEPA relief

### **Top program deregulation/flexibility priorities for NCDA members**

- Elimination of the CDBG timeliness test for entitlements.
- Add new construction of housing as an eligible CDBG activity.
- Increase the CDBG public services cap and remove it for housing and homelessness activities.

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## Opportunities in the New Administration

### **Top program flexibility priorities for NCDA members**

- Make the CHDO set-aside in HOME optional, not a requirement.
- Increase the Davis-Bacon threshold.
- Exempt federal housing programs (including CDBG) from the BABA requirement.

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## Questions?

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