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The Honorable Susan Collins
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Patty Murray
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The Honorable Tom Cole
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
Chair
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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
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The Honorable Steve Womack
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The Honorable James Clyburn
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Chair Collins, Ranking Member Murray, Chair Cole, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chair Hyde-Smith, Ranking Member Gillibrand, Chair Womack, and Ranking Member Clyburn:

The undersigned members of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coalition urge you to reject the Senate's proposed \$200 million cut to HUD's CDBG program in FY26. We ask that the program be fully funded at the level of \$3.3 billion in FY26 to keep up with local development needs across the country.

CDBG is a highly impactful federal program that allows States and local governments and their program partners to craft locally driven solutions to urgent community development needs in four program areas: public facilities and infrastructure, public services, affordable housing, and economic development. There is no other federal program that provides communities with the resources and flexibility to collectively address these issues.



Every year, thousands of local communities depend on CDBG grants to fund new and ongoing development projects which would otherwise be unattainable. A \$200 million cut to the program would result in decreased funding to over 1,250 of the country's largest communities. It would also likely eliminate funding to many smaller and rural communities which apply for funding through state CDBG recipients.

Unfortunately, the CDBG program is already critically underfunded. For many years, funding has remained stagnant despite inflation and an increase in overall CDBG beneficiaries. As more communities across the country become eligible for funding, each existing community is receiving a smaller portion. Any further cuts to the program would be detrimental.

The CDBG program delivers results; for every \$1.00 in CDBG investment leverages \$5.02 from other public and private sources. A \$200 million cut to the program in FY26 would lose a potential \$1 billion in local investment over time. Additionally, HUD estimates that nearly 54 million people have directly benefited from CDBG infrastructure projects alone since FY05. CDBG regularly proves that it's an invaluable tool for fostering long-term development in vulnerable communities.

The CDBG Coalition thanks you for your support of the CDBG program and for your recognition of the value it brings to communities across the nation. We look forward to working with you to shore up continued investments in the CDBG program. Please reach out to Vicki Watson (vwatson@ncdaonline.org), National Community Development Association, Tess Hembree (thembree@coscda.org), Council of State Community Development Agencies, and Jenna Hampton Pomponi (jhampton@coscda.org), Council of State Community Development Agencies with questions.

Sincerely,

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American Planning Association
Boys and Girls Clubs of America
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Council of State Community Development Agencies
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National Association of Regional Councils
National Community Development Association
National League of Cities
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