



Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding  
*Working to ensure maximum federal resources for housing and community development*

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The Honorable Susan Collins  
Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on  
Appropriations  
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair, U.S. House Committee on  
Appropriations  
2207 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Vice Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on  
Appropriations  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member, U.S. House Committee on  
Appropriations  
2413 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

To Chair Collins, Vice Chair Murray, Chair Cole, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

We, the **X** undersigned organizations, write to urge Congress **to enact final Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 spending bills that reject calls to significantly cut federal affordable housing, homelessness, and community development programs, and instead provide the highest level of funding possible for these vital investments. We also request lawmakers include language in all appropriations bills to block any attempt by the executive branch to withhold, rescind, or otherwise cut congressionally-approved funding.**

We represent national, state, and local businesses, housing and community development, faith-based, disability, and civil rights organizations, as well as officials in municipal, tribal and state governments. We believe that housing is a basic human right that every American should be able to enjoy as part of a dignified standard of living.

Robust, reliable funding for affordable housing, homelessness, and community development programs is needed to address the growing affordable housing and homelessness crisis in our communities. Housing costs are rising faster than wages, our nation's affordable housing crisis is worsening, and the supply of affordable and accessible housing and rental assistance has not kept pace with demand. An estimated one in four renters spend more than half of their income on rent, and homelessness rates are rising in communities across the country. Despite the clear need, only one in four households eligible for rental assistance receives it, and the number of homes accessible to people with disabilities and older adults aging in communities remains at low levels. Our nation's housing crisis impacts people of color in particular because of generations of discrimination and disinvestment.

Even flat funding for federal housing, homelessness, and community development programs – including funds imposed by budget caps, or extended through a long-term Continuing Resolution (CR) – acts as a cut, failing to keep pace with market-driven housing costs and inflation.

Flat or decreased funding reduces the number of low-income households served by these programs, and prevents private owners and public housing agencies from making vital repairs to

and preserving existing affordable housing. Multiple or lengthy CRs greatly delay funding for existing programs and create even longer waits for housing assistance and community investments. As millions of households struggle to make ends meet, the importance of providing increased funding for these programs, and avoiding a long-term CR, cannot be overstated.

Federal investments are critical to building strong communities and ensuring families thrive. Federal housing and community development programs create millions of jobs and offer critical resources to individuals and communities. Accessible, affordable housing has broad, positive impacts on individuals, families, communities, and the economy. Increasing and preserving access to affordable housing — especially in well-resourced areas of opportunity — helps families climb the economic ladder, leads to greater community development, and bolsters economic productivity.

Investing in affordable housing infrastructure reduces existing inequities and boosts local economies by leveraging public and private resources to lift resident earnings and local tax revenue. In fact, building 100 affordable rental homes generates \$11.7 million in local income, \$2.2 million in taxes and other revenue for local governments, and 161 local jobs in the first year. Community development assistance is vital for rural, urban, and suburban areas to revitalize distressed neighborhoods, address urgent community needs, and provide critical public services and economic development. State and local governments rely on the resources provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to meet the housing and infrastructure needs of the communities they serve.

We urge you to enact spending bills that ensure the highest amount of funding possible for affordable housing, homelessness, and community development programs in FY 2027, and to reject any harmful proposals to cut these vital investments.

Sincerely,