



HUD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG) RESTORE FY2015 FUNDING FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

ACTION NEEDED: Urge your members of Congress, especially those serving on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, to fund the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program at \$3.3 billion as part of a final FY2015 Transportation-HUD (T-HUD) appropriations measure. NADO supports retaining CDBG formula funds as a flexible, locally driven resource that provide valuable assistance for local community and economic development initiatives, including infrastructure and job creation projects supported by the CDBG State Small Cities Program.

BACKGROUND: This year, the President's budget requests \$2.8 billion for CDBG in FY2015, which is \$200 million below the FY2014 enacted level.

LATEST ACTION: On January 16, Congress approved an Omnibus Appropriations bill (P.L. 113-76), which funds the CDBG program at \$3.03 billion, a slight decrease from FY2013 levels through September 30, 2014.

KEY TALKING POINTS:

- CDBG is an important tool used by state and local officials as they tackle their most serious community and economic development challenges, such as providing affordable housing, upgrading and building essential public infrastructure and water systems, creating small business development loan funds for local entrepreneurs and industries, and addressing local planning and technical assistance needs.
- At a time when local governments and communities are striving to overcome intensifying global economic competition, upgrade aging public infrastructure, and address the severe housing crisis, it is vital that federal policy makers continue to maintain support for the CDBG program.
- The cornerstone of the CDBG program is its locally driven, flexible, and bottom-up approach. The program provides invaluable resources for 1,180 urban counties and cities to meet locally-identified needs. As required by law, 30 percent of CDBG formula funding is reserved for states to assist rural communities with economic development, infrastructure improvements, and other fundamental building blocks for job creation and economic development.
- State, regional, and local officials use the CDBG program to provide valuable seed capital, gap financing, and core support for a variety of projects. In addition, CDBG funds are typically used to leverage and attract private sector investments. Every CDBG dollar invested in communities is leveraged, on average, by three dollars in private funding, bringing much needed business investments to distressed areas.

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