



HUD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG) RESTORE FUNDING FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN FY2018

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 fiscal year (FY) 2018 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 Administered/Small Cities program.

In May, Congress passed and President Trump signed into law an omnibus spending plan (the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017) to fund the federal government through September 30, 2017. The omnibus bill allocates \$3 billion for CDBG, level funding from FY2016. Additionally, HOME program received \$950 million which is also level funding from the previous year.

On May 23, the President released the administration's FY2018 budget proposal, "A New Foundation for American Greatness." The budget recommends elimination of the CDBG and HOME programs. The administration's budget calls for a reduction of \$54 billion from non-discretionary domestic funding while increasing defense spending by the same amount.

LATEST ACTION: On September 8, President Trump signed a Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund the government at FY2017 spending levels through December 8. On September 14, the House passed an omnibus spending package funding all FY2018 appropriations bills.

In July, the House and Senate Appropriations committees passed their versions of FY2018 Transportation-HUD spending bills. The House Appropriations Committee approved \$2.9 billion for CDBG and \$850 million for HOME programs; both amounts represent \$100 million less than FY2017 spending levels. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved \$3 billion for CDBG and \$950 million for HOME, level funding with FY2017.

KEY TALKING POINTS:

- Funding for the CDBG program should be restored to \$3.3 billion in FY2018. The program has faced drastic cuts in recent years, totaling over \$1.4 billion since FY2001. CDBG funding cuts have already contributed to deficit reduction and further cuts will hurt local job creation and economic development investments.
- 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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