



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG)
RESTORE FUNDING FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN FY2019**

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 \$3.5 billion as part of a final fiscal year (FY) 2019 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.

LATEST ACTION: Both House and Senate Appropriations committees have approved FY2019 funding for CDBG. The program is funded through the Transportation – Housing and Urban Development spending bill and awaits further consideration in the House and Senate. Spending will need to be approved before the start of the fiscal year on October 1.

On March 23, the president signed a \$1.2 trillion omnibus spending bill for FY2018 which funds federal operations through September 30, 2018. Before the bill’s approval, the federal government had been operating under a series of continuing resolutions since the beginning of the current fiscal year.

On February 12, the Trump administration released its FY2019 budget proposal, “Efficient, Effective, Accountable: An American Budget.” The budget requests \$465 billion for non-defense discretionary spending and \$627 for defense discretionary spending. The proposal includes elimination of CDBG.

The following table displays FY2017 final, FY2018 final, FY2019 budget request, and FY2019 House and Senate committee-approved figures:

<i>Budget figures are in billions</i>	FY2017 Final	FY2018 Final	FY2019 Request	FY2019 House	FY2019 Senate
Community Development Block Grant	\$3.06	\$3.3	-	\$3.3	\$3.3

KEY TALKING POINTS:

- Funding for the CDBG program should be restored to \$3.5 billion in FY2019. The program has faced drastic cuts in recent years, totaling over \$1 billion since FY2001. Further cuts to CDBG 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 over four dollars in private funding, bringing much needed business investments to distressed areas.

For a list of members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees for the 115th Congress, see next page.

U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee

Majority:

Richard Shelby (R-AL)*, Chairman
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
Lamar Alexander (R-TN)*
Susan Collins (R-ME) +
Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
Lindsey Graham (R-SC)*
Roy Blunt (R-MO)*
Jerry Moran (R-KS)
John Hoeven (R-ND)*
John Boozman (R-AR)*
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)*
James Lankford (R-OK)
Steve Daines (R-MT)*
John Kennedy (R-LA)
Marco Rubio (R-FL)
Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS)

Minority:

Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Ranking Member
Patty Murray (D-WA)*
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)*
Richard Durbin (D-IL)*
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Jon Tester (D-MT)
Tom Udall (D-NM)
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
Chris Coons (D-DE)*
Brian Schatz (D-HI)*
Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)
Chris Murphy (D-CT)*
Joe Manchin (D-WV)*
Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

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U.S. House Appropriations Committee

Majority:

Rodney P. Frelinghuysen (R-NJ), Chair
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Kay Granger (R-TX)
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Tom Cole (R-OK)
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Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)
Tom Rooney (R-FL)
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Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)
David Joyce (R-OH)*
David Valadao (R-CA)*
Andy Harris (R-MD)
Martha Roby (R-AL)
Mark Amodei (R-NV)
Chris Stewart (R-UT)
David Young (R-IA)*
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Dan Newhouse (R-WA)
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Minority:

Nita M. Lowey (D-NY), Ranking Member
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Sanford D. Bishop Jr. (D-GA)
Barbara Lee (D-CA)
Betty McCollum (D-MN)
Tim Ryan (D-OH)
C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD)
Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)
Henry Cuellar (D-TX)
Chellie Pingree (D-ME)
Mike Quigley (D-IL)*
Derek Kilmer (D-WA)
Matt Cartwright (D-PA)
Grace Meng (D-NY)
Mark Pocan (D-WI)
Katherine Clark (D-MA)*
Pete Aguilar (D-CA)*

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