

50th Anniversary

Community Development Block Grant Program



HUD, local and state partners, community development professionals, and communities nationwide celebrate the **50th anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in 2024**. This foundational community development program has made a difference in the lives of millions of people and their communities across the Nation. Communities have used these funds to address critical and unmet community needs including those for housing rehabilitation, public facilities, infrastructure, job creation, public services, and more.

Authorized by **Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act (HCDA) of 1974**, the CDBG program brought together eight separate categorical programs into a single block grant. By design, the CDBG program empowers local communities to make decisions about how best to address their own needs. Funds may be used for a wide range of activities, allowing grantees to tailor their community development strategies to local circumstances.

The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to over **1,200 local and state governments**, including all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the three U.S. territories in the Pacific (Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands).

Community involvement in the decision-making process is a hallmark of the CDBG program. The program builds in opportunities for community and beneficiary input, including public and community hearings, reviewing program performance and allowing for public written feedback.

At least 70% of the CDBG funds must be used to benefit low and moderate - income individuals. Each funded activity must meet one of three national objectives:

- 1) benefits low- and moderate-income individuals,
- 2) aids in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or
- 3) addresses an urgent need that poses a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community which occurred within the last 18 months and for which other funding is not available.

CDBG funding is often a **catalyst to attract or leverage additional public and private funding**. Over the years, grantees have put CDBG funds to use in creative and innovative ways to maximize the program's impact. Working with partners is critical to the success of most CDBG program activities. Not only do partners often bring financial resources to the table, but they also bring expertise and perspective about how to make programs work.

With over **26 eligible activities**, the CDBG program is an important resource for local and state governments, providing them the ability to design and implement tailored solutions to meet local needs and priorities. **The emphasis on local decision-making, flexible use of funds, community participation, and leveraging partnerships are the reasons behind why CDBG continues to be a vibrant and important program for countless communities.**

*Powering What's Possible
for 50 years and beyond!*



CDBG

BY THE NUMBERS


SINCE 1974, HUD HAS INVESTED OVER **\$170 BILLION**  IN URBAN, SUBURBAN, & RURAL COMMUNITIES


OVER **1,200** STATE, LOCAL, & TERRITORIAL JURISDICTIONS RECEIVE CDBG FUNDS ANNUALLY


FOR EVERY **\$1** INVESTED, ANOTHER **\$5** IN PRIVATE & PUBLIC DOLLARS ARE LEVERAGED


SINCE FY2005, CDBG FUNDED HOUSING ACTIVITIES HAVE ASSISTED NEARLY **1.8 MILLION** HOUSEHOLDS



SINCE FY2005, CDBG FUNDED INFRASTRUCTURE ACTIVITIES HAVE DIRECTLY BENEFITTED NEARLY **54 MILLION** PEOPLE 

FROM FY2005 TO FY2022, CDBG FACILITATED THE CREATION & RETENTION OF **568,228** JOBS



IN FY2022 ALONE, CDBG PROVIDED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SERVICES THAT ASSISTED OVER **7 MILLION**  LOW & MODERATE-INCOME PEOPLE NATIONWIDE

THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM IMPROVES PEOPLE'S QUALITY OF LIFE IN VARIOUS WAYS:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: HELPING INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES SECURE SAFE AND STABLE HOUSING IS ESSENTIAL FOR OVERALL WELL-BEING & SECURITY

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS: HAVING A STRONG AND INCLUSIVE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE INSTILLS COMMUNITY PRIDE, ENABLES ACCESSIBILITY, AND INCREASES EQUITY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & JOB CREATION: PROVIDING SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE, JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS, CREATES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES & FOSTERS LOCAL ECONOMIC GROWTH

COMMUNITY FACILITIES: BUILDING COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROVIDES RESIDENTS WITH SPACES FOR RECREATION, EDUCATION, JOB TRAINING, & SOCIAL INTERACTION

SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS: HELPING SENIORS, CHILDREN & YOUTH, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS & VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION: IMPROVING THE PHYSICAL & SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT CAN ENHANCE RESIDENTS' SENSE OF PRIDE & BELONGING IN THEIR COMMUNITY

DISASTER RECOVERY: REBUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE, REPAIRING HOUSING, AND PROVIDING SUPPORT SERVICES TO AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, HELPS COMMUNITIES RECOVER AND REBUILD STRONGER THAN BEFORE

Looking to the Future

Be a part of the celebration! Together we're amplifying the power of CDBG and emphasizing the importance of strengthening and sustaining CDBG for the future. Share your CDBG success story on social media using **#CDBG50**.