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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Powering What's Possible for 50 years!



1974

The **Housing and Community Development Act (HCDA)** of 1974 authorized the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, a landmark innovation that emphasized **“local decision making, local action, and local responsibility.”**

1978

Hazleton, PA was the first community to receive funding under the **Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program** (Section 108) to support the redevelopment of three underutilized downtown commercial structures.

1983

Under the \$4.6 billion **Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act** of 1983 (Job Bill), \$1 billion of CDBG funding went to communities to help them address the recession and access economic aid.

1993

Congress issued the first **Disaster Recovery Initiative** special supplemental appropriation following the devastation caused by Hurricanes Andrew, Iniki, and Omar.

2001 - 2002

HUD provided \$3.483 billion in **CDBG** funding to New York to assist its recovery from the World Trade Center attacks. Funds went to support housing, business recovery, and public infrastructure, including the **National September 11 Memorial & Museum**, and to implement community programs.

2008

The **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) I** was established as part of the **Housing and Economic Recovery Act** in response to the Great Recession.

2009

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) II was passed as part of the **ARRA** and provided \$2 billion on a competitive basis to 56 states, local governments, nonprofits, and nonprofit entities.

1977

The **Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)** program was established to provide direct assistance to federally recognized Indian tribes and Alaskan Native villages. ICDBG funded initiatives including housing, community facilities, and economic development.

1982

The **State CDBG** program authorized states to administer the **Small Cities CDBG** funding for non-entitlement areas. This change empowered states to allocate and oversee projects directly.

1987

Designed using the CDBG framework, the **Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)** program was established in response to the growing issue of homelessness in the United States.

1995

HUD created the **Consolidated Plan** to serve as the comprehensive housing strategy and community development planning document used by state or local grantee governments.

2005

Congress provided \$19.85 billion in CDBG disaster-related assistance to Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas to support their recovery from **Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma**. This was the **largest appropriation of CDBG funds for disaster recovery** at the time in the program's history.

2009

The **Community Development Block Grant Recovery program (CDBG-R)** was established as part of the **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)** aimed at revitalizing the economy, preserving or generating millions of jobs, and addressing enduring issues to ensure America's future prosperity.

2010

Neighborhood Stabilization Program III provided \$1 billion to assist state and local governments with the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes.



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2013

Congress passed the **Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013**, or Sandy Supplemental, which provided approximately \$47.9 billion to 19 federal agencies to help communities recover from Hurricane Sandy. HUD received \$15.2 billion, largely for **CDBG Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)** assistance.

2014

HUD launched the \$1 billion **National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC)**. The competition encouraged applicants to develop comprehensive resilience plans informed by scientific data and community input.

2018

Congress appropriated \$12 billion dollars in CDBG funds specifically for mitigation activities for **qualifying disasters in 2015, 2016, and 2017**. **CDBG Mitigation (CDBG-MIT)** funding provided opportunities for grantees to implement strategic and high-impact activities aimed at mitigating disaster risks and reducing future losses.

2020

The **Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act** provided \$5 billion in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (**CDBG-CV**) funding to help communities prepare for, prevent, and respond to the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic and spur local recovery efforts.

2023

Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program reaches \$10 billion in total commitments since the program's inception in 1974.

2023

HUD issued a CDBG notice - "**Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds in Support of Housing**" - that provides updated and expanded guidance on a wide range of housing-related activities, including manufactured housing, which may be supported through the CDBG program.



2013

The **Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force**, chaired by the HUD Secretary, launched **Rebuild by Design**, a multi-stage planning and design competition to promote resilience in the Sandy-affected region.

2018

Following **Hurricanes Maria and Irma**, Congress appropriated over \$18 billion in CDBG-DR funds for Puerto Rico and over \$1.6 billion for the U.S. Virgin Islands to repair damaged homes, businesses, and infrastructure, including Puerto Rico's electric grid.

2019

Under Section 8071 of the **Support for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act**, Congress authorized the **Recovery Housing Program (RHP)**, which uses the CDBG framework and works to provide stable, transitional housing for individuals in recovery from a substance-use disorder.

2022

The **Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program (Section 108)** approved its **2,000th loan guarantee commitment**, underscoring its importance as a tool for driving community and economic development.

2023

HUD launched the innovative \$85 million **Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing)** competition to support communities actively working to address barriers to affordable housing.

2024

HUD issued the most significant update to CDBG regulations since 1995 through the **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Indian Community Development Block Grant Programs (ICDBG)** proposed rule. Updates would **streamline program requirements, promote economic development and investments in underserved communities**, and enable larger, transformative projects, including mixed-use development.

HUD launched the \$235 million **Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE) competition**, a first-of-its-kind federal funding opportunity to preserve and revitalize manufactured housing and manufactured housing communities.

