



CDBG Report: Impact and Funding Need

The CDBG Coalition, a network of 32 national organizations, led by the National Community Development Association, developed the report, *CDBG: Impact and Funding Need*, to educate Congress and the public on the impact of the CDBG program and the need for more program funding. The report provides an overview of the CDBG program; how it works and program impact. The report also discusses the erosion of program funding and examines CDBG funding need across the country, including the results of a *CDBG Needs Survey*.

Important report findings include the following:

- **The CDBG program is impactful.** CDBG has invested nearly \$64 billion in local economies since 2000. Further, every \$1.00 of CDBG funding leverages another \$4.09 in public and private funding.
- **The need for the CDBG program has increased.** In 1975, 594 grantees received an allocation of CDBG funds. Today, 1,268 grantees receive an allocation of funds.
- **Program funding has not kept pace with program need.** In 1975, Congress allocated \$2.4 billion to the program. In 2019, Congress appropriated \$3.3 billion to the CDBG program.
- **The program has never been adjusted for inflation.** If resources were maintained with inflation, \$2.4 billion in 1975 would have the same buying power as \$11.2 billion today.
- **Local projects have been cancelled, delayed, reduced and eliminated due to a lack of CDBG funding.** Over 92% of the 253 local governments that responded to the *CDBG Needs Survey* have reduced local CDBG-funded programs because of a lack of CDBG funding and nearly 70% have eliminated some programs altogether because of a decrease in CDBG funding.

Nearly 45 years after its enactment, the CDBG programs remains one of the most important resources for states and local governments and their non-profit partners to use in devising flexible solutions to meet community development needs for low- and moderate-income neighborhoods and people. CDBG is an important investment tool for communities and neighborhoods, but program funding has significantly declined while the need for the program has increased. Program funding must increase to meet local need to ensure CDBG grantee communities are healthy, vibrant and thriving.

The report is available at the following link. For more information, please contact Vicki Watson, Executive Director, National Community Development Association, at vwatson@ncdaonline.org.

Report link:

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