

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
JOB



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**.