## ★ Protect and Strengthen Community Development Programs ★

## **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

Since its creation 40 years ago, CDBG has helped over 1,200 state and local governments to rebuild their local economies, strengthen public infrastructure, recover from disasters, and improve the quality of life for millions of low- and moderate-income Americans. This flexible program emphasizes local decision-making and prioritization of needs and ensures accountability through citizen participation and rigorous performance measurement.

Funding for CDBG is critical to ensuring our nation's economic recovery continues, creating jobs and providing public services in states and localities across the nation. However, despite the program's proven track record, CDBG formula funding has declined by 31 percent from FY 2005 to FY 2015, even before adjusting for inflation.

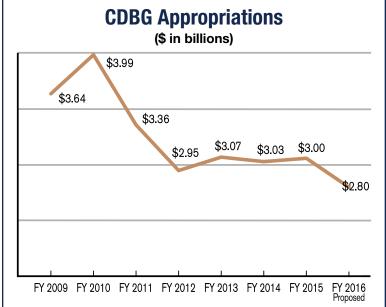
**Every \$1.00 of CDBG spending** leverages an additional investment of \$4.07 from other sources.



Between 2005-2015, CDBG funding assisted over 1.2 million households through home ownership and home rehabilitation/ construction activities.

### **NAHRO's CDBG Priorities:**

- NAHRO is committed to restoring funding for CDBG to ensure the success of state and local efforts to spur job creation and retention, provide vital public services and expand affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income families and individuals.
  - NAHRO will work with a broad national coalition to measure CDBG's impact on local communities and demonstrate the importance of maintaining our national investment in the program.
- NAHRO will continue to oppose any efforts to change program eligibility thresholds and reduce communities' ability to access these critical resources.





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## **HOME Program**

The proven and effective HOME Investment Partnerships program empowers states and localities to design and implement affordable housing strategies to respond to locally determined needs. HOME funds can be used for new construction. rehabilitation of existing housing, downpayment assistance and tenant-based rental assistance. Over 600 state and local participating jurisdictions receive funding for new construction and rehabilitation of rental and homebuyer units, down payment assistance to creditworthy homebuyers, and tenant-based rental assistance. Given our nation's affordable housing shortage, the HOME program is critically important.

Since the program began over 20 years ago, HOME has facilitated the construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of approximately 200,000 owner-occupied units, 500,000 homebuyer units, and 450,000 rental units. HOME has also provided help to over 250,000 households through local tenant-based rental assistance programs. And HOME doesn't just build housing – it builds local economies. Since its inception, HOME has catalyzed the development of approximately \$115.5 billion

# Every \$1.00 of HOME funds leverages another \$4.16 from other sources

Since its inception, HOME has helped create nearly 1.2 million

units of affordable housing.

## NAHRO's **HOME Priorities:**

of affordable housing.

- NAHRO will seek to reverse the devastating funding reductions that have occurred in recent years, restoring funding levels to their former baseline levels.
- NAHRO will continue to oppose any efforts to change program eligibility thresholds and reduce communities' ability to access these critical resources.

