

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Talking Points

- HR 1 would significantly reduce CDBG funding for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 by providing only \$1.5 billion – a cut of approximately 62 percent compared to FFY 2010. Alexandria’s FFY 2010 CDBG allocation (which funds City FY 2011 activities) is \$1.36 million. Under HR 1, the FFY 2011 allocation would reduce this to slightly more than \$500,000.
- CDBG funds are used by the City to fully fund the Home Rehabilitation Loan, Rental Accessibility Modification and Fair Housing Testing Programs. They partially fund the Homeownership Assistance Program, Winter Shelter for the Homeless, Eviction Assistance and Furniture Storage Program, Transitional Assistance Program, and Program Administration.
- Every \$1 of CDBG funding for the Homeownership Assistance Program for first-time homebuyers leverages \$3.54 in other sources of home purchase financing.
- Similarly, every \$1 of CDBG funding for the Winter Shelter for the Homeless leverages \$3.60 from other sources.
- The City recommends \$4 billion for CDBG formula grants for FFY 2011 and 2012, an amount essentially equal to the FY 2010 enacted level.