

CDBG IN RHODE ISLAND

The CDBG Coalition calls on all Members of Congress to fund at least **\$4.2 Billion for CDBG formula grants in FY2026.**



WHAT IS CDBG?

The **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program** is a highly impactful federal program that allows State and local governments and their program partners to craft locally driven solutions to address urgent and important community development needs. Program activities focus on four areas: decent housing, infrastructure (public improvements), services, and economic development. The CDBG program grows local economies and improves the quality of lives for low- and moderate-income citizens. Over **1,200 jurisdictions** receive an annual allocation of CDBG funds. Nationally, over **7,200 rural, suburban, and urban communities** have access to CDBG funds. Communities use CDBG to respond to community development needs, including job creation, affordable housing development, improvement of existing housing stock, the delivery of services, and the development of infrastructure improvements.

CDBG'S IMPACT IN RHODE ISLAND

(FY05-FY23)

- **1,577 JOBS CREATED/RETAINED**
- **16,313 LMI HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED**
- **603,161 PEOPLE BENEFITED BY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS**
- **1,876,967 PEOPLE BENEFITED BY PUBLIC SERVICES**

CDBG WORKS

The program serves the Nation. Every State, U.S. Territory, and Congressional District has access to CDBG funding. For 2024, the state of **Rhode Island** and localities received **\$16,717,414** in CDBG formula funds.

LACK OF FUNDING

Despite its successes, the CDBG Program has been cut by **\$1.1 billion** since FY 2001.

FY2001: \$4.4 BILLION

FY2024: \$3.3 BILLION

CDBG ASSISTS MILLIONS OF PEOPLE NATIONWIDE

1. Provide vital public services

Between FY05- FY24, CDBG funding provided to local nonprofit organizations for public services programs assisted **204,327,988 people**. Public services activities included operating cost assistance for programs serving the homeless, assistance to local food banks, employment training, services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and many other activities.

2. Provide public improvements to communities

Between FY05-FY24, CDBG public improvements directly benefitted **59,146,371 people**. These public improvements included senior centers, childcare centers, group homes for people with disabilities, homeless shelters, sanitary water and sewer systems, and improved drainage systems, among others.

3. Provide safe, decent, affordable housing

Between FY05-FY24, CDBG assisted **2,079,863 LMI households**. Assistance included home rehabilitation, providing down payment and closing cost assistance to home buyers, and assisting with lead-based paint abatement, among other activities.

The CDBG Coalition consists of 33 national organizations which recognize the importance of the CDBG program in empowering and transforming people and places. For more information on CDBG and the CDBG Coalition, please contact Vicki Watson with the National Community Development Association (vwatson@ncdaonline.org).