

Support Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding

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*Deadline to Sign on is COB Friday, March 13th
Deadline to Enter Submission Online is COB Monday March 23rd*

Dear Colleague:

We invite you to join our letter to Chairman Diaz- Balart and Ranking Member Price urging them to provide \$3.3 billion in formula funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

This important program provides our communities with the flexibility to address local needs that help spur homeownership, housing rehabilitation, public improvements, public services, and economic development projects. These activities not only help individual communities, but also strengthen our nation's economy and leverage additional local investment.

In fact, CDBG has helped more than 1,200 cities, counties, states, and rural areas meet the needs of low- and moderate-income communities in a tailored approach to allow flexibility to meet differing local needs. We share your commitment to the most effective use of taxpayer dollars, and believe that these grants have proven highly effective. According to HUD, over the last nine years, CDBG has:

- Created or retained 353,237 jobs for low- and moderate-income people;
- Benefited over 114 million low- and moderate-income persons through public services such as employment training services, meals to the elderly, services for abused and neglected children, assistance to local food banks, and other services.

If you would like to add your name to this letter, please email the Legislative Director of the Northeast-Midwest Congressional Coalition at samuel.breene@mail.house.gov, by **COB Friday, March 13th**. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Sam at 6-6106.

Sincerely,

/s/
Robert A. Brady
Member of Congress

/s/
Lou Barletta
Member of Congress

/s/
James P. McGovern
Member of Congress

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