

Sample Letter

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The Honorable [Senator's Name]
Transportation, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator [Last Name],

As the Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations subcommittee begins consideration of the FY20 THUD spending bill, I ask you to provide at least \$3.8 billion in formula funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and at least \$1.750 billion in formula funds for the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The CDBG program is an essential resource for my community to support public services, affordable housing, community facilities, infrastructure and other activities for low- and moderate-income neighborhoods and people. The program helps improve our aged housing stock, allows our seniors to age in place, funds infrastructure projects that improve the livability of our neighborhoods and provides crucial services that address a wide range of community needs. Likewise, the HOME program provides valuable resources to my community to produce affordable housing for low-income families.

We use the CDBG program to fund many different activities, including the following:
[Please list the top 3-5 CDBG-funded activities in your community and the population served (elderly, youth, homeless, first time homebuyers, etc.)]

We use the HOME program to fund many different activities, including the following:

The need for both CDBG and HOME funding has increased in my community and the program allocations must also increase to help my community continue to serve our low- and moderate-income citizens and improve the neighborhoods in which they live.

Thank you for your unwavering leadership and continued support of these vital programs. Your leadership has truly made a difference in the lives of our citizens. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Signature of Elected Official