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A wide array of community needs exist throughout the country and additional federal support is long overdue. As described in the CDBG Coalition's [2019 National Report](#), states and localities continue to fall further behind in maintaining quality infrastructure and services. CDBG serves as one of the few sources of federal assistance for local development priorities, however requests for CDBG funding consistently outweigh available resources. Over the history of the program, CDBG has received reduced funding (\$1.1 billion cut since FY2001) while grantees have more than doubled (1,268 in FY2019) since the program's inception. These factors coupled with a growing list of needs in affordable housing, water and wastewater facilities, and transportation, among many others, have compounded issues over many years. A further decline in spending - or even level funding - will result in fewer projects completed and less people served.

Again, we extend our gratitude for your efforts on FY2020 appropriations. Our coalition endorses \$3.8 billion for CDBG in FY2020 and encourages the highest possible level of funding in a final bill.

Sincerely,

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Council of State Community Development Agencies
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