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We represent community development organizations across the nation that are committed to creating conditions where residents can shape the destiny of their neighborhoods, securing their long-term stability, health, and prosperity.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

PASSAGE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES INVESTMENT ACT (NHIA)

Ask: Pass NHIA to provide gap funding for revitalizing distressed communities and increasing homeownership stability.

- Promote NHIA as a market-driven solution for revitalizing distressed communities.
- Educate lawmakers and build bicameral support by highlighting NHIA's potential to attract private investment and strengthen homeownership and community revitalization.
- Advocate for a 20% set-aside for community development organizations.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)

Ask: Secure sustained HOME funding and implement reforms to improve access and nonprofit capacity, as outlined in HUD's January 6, 2025 Final Rule.

- Secure \$1.5B for FY26 HOME funding to strengthen nonprofit capacity in addressing housing challenges.
- Protect the Set-Aside for Community Development Housing Organizations (CHDOs).
- Streamline CHDO eligibility guidelines to reduce administrative burden.

PRESERVE AND PROTECT HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (HCV) PROGRAM

Ask: Preserve and fully fund \$50 billion for the Housing Choice Voucher program and other federal rental assistance tools to support socially and economically distressed renters, prevent evictions, and reduce homelessness.

- Fully fund the Housing Choice Voucher program's Administrative Fee Account, which enables public housing agencies to provide effective assistance to families and ensures that federal funds are used efficiently.
- Ensure that the voucher program receives adequate funding to protect existing housing developments that rely on HCV subsidies to remain viable. Examples include permanent supportive housing for unhoused individuals and Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units that house seniors.
- Fully fund Project-Based Rental Assistance, which serves seniors, families with children, and people with disabilities.
- Households with mixed immigration status should continue to be eligible for a pro-rated HCV subsidy.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT (CRA) MODERNIZATION

Ask: Defend the CRA's statutory intent, reflect current financial trends, and protect under-invested communities.

- Ensure legal clarity around the CRA-related injunction to avoid delays in implementation and modernization.
- Advocate for updated CRA regulations that align with financial trends while protecting under-invested communities.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (CDFIs)

Ask: Secure stable funding for the CDFI Fund and streamline processes to increase accessibility.

- Provide \$324 million to the CDFI Fund to carry out its mission as directed by Congress.
- Advocate for streamlined applications and increased funding flexibility for the CDFI Fund.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED) PROGRAM

Ask: Ensure continued funding for the CED program to foster local economic growth and stability.

- Secure funding for the CED Program to strengthen local economic initiatives.

INSURANCE SOLUTIONS for AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Ask: Address insurance barriers impacting affordable housing development and promote federal solutions.

- Educate federal stakeholders on insurance barriers affecting affordable housing projects.
- Highlight opportunities where the federal government can support innovative insurance solutions.

SMALL BUSINESS

STABILIZE FUNDING for MULTI-YEAR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACTS for MICRO-ENTREPRENEURS

Ask: Fund SBA technical assistance programs including: the SBA Microloan Technical Assistance Program, SBA Women's Business Centers (WBCs), Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) Business Centers, and SBA Program for Investment in Micro-Entrepreneurs (PRIME) to support socially and economically disadvantaged entrepreneurs launch and grow businesses.

- The technical assistance contract period for these programs should extend beyond 12 months to give service providers the necessary time to help business owners prepare for capital access and sustainable operations.
- Provide level funding in FY 2026, consistent with FY 2025 enacted amounts for vital small business support programs, including:
 - \$41 million for the SBA Microloan Technical Assistance Program.
 - \$26 million for SBA Women's Business Centers.
 - \$68.25 million for the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA).
 - \$7 million for the SBA Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs (PRIME).

SUPPORT THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) MICROLOAN and COMMUNITY ADVANTAGE PILOT (CA) PROGRAMS and THE TREASURY'S STATE SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE (SSBCI)

Ask: Reauthorize and strengthen the SBA to protect SBA microloan and CA program funding to ensure small businesses maintain access to essential capital.

- Codify the Community Advantage program.
- Provide up to \$35 billion in guarantees for 7(a) loans, including Community Advantage, to help small businesses access capital and grow jobs.
- Provide \$110 million or more for the Microloan program.
- Leverage CDFIs to support the implementation and distribution of these programs.
- Expand lender eligibility for intermediaries offering in-language and culturally-responsive services to reach entrepreneurs across geographic areas.

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