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FY22 Budget Update

- The Administration's FY22 budget outline expected this week. Full budget details released in May.
- Infrastructure plan (American Jobs Plan) outline released yesterday.
- \$213 billion for affordable housing
 - Produce, preserve and retrofit more than one million affordable housing units
 - Build/rehabilitate more than 500,000 homes for homebuyers
 - \$40 billion to repair public housing stock
 - Address exclusionary zoning policies through competitive grant program

FY22 Appropriations Timing

- House/Senate appropriations subcommittees will hold budget hearings and will mark-up their spending bills by June
- NCDA member actions:
- Participate in National Community Development Week, April 5-9
 - CDBG/HOME social media messaging campaign, April 5-9
 - Post daily social media messages from Tool Kit 2021
 - Tag your congressional members; ask them to retweet
 - Use #CDWeek2021 #CDBGworks #HOMEworks in posts
 - See the National CD Week Tool Kit for more information
 - CD Week message from Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA)



CDBG Coalition

- 31 national organizations
- NCDA leads the CDBG Coalition
- \$4.2 billion for CDBG in FY22
- Purpose: Advocate for CDBG/Educate Congress
 - Meets with Congress on CDBG
 - Assembles CDBG data and project information
 - Leads CDBG support letters
 - Holds briefings

American Rescue Plan

- Enacted on March 11.
- The bill provides \$1.9 Trillion in coronavirus relief sought by President Biden.
- The measure includes significant funding for emergency housing assistance.
 - \$20.25 billion in additional **Emergency Rental Assistance** funding
 - Allocated to states and communities with populations over 200,000
 - Administered by the Treasury Department
 - Funds available until September 30, 2025

American Rescue Plan

- \$9.9 billion for a new Homeownership Assistance Fund
- \$5 billion for Homelessness Assistance for the homeless, those at-risk of homelessness, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, human trafficking
 - Administered through the HOME program
 - Eligible uses include activities allowed under the HOME Program and certain activities permitted under ESG, such as supportive services, transitional housing, housing counseling, homelessness prevention services, and the acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units

American Rescue Plan

\$350 Billion in Direct Assistance to State and Local Governments

- States and District of Columbia: \$195.3 billion
- Local governments: \$130.2 billion
- \$65.1 billion to cities and non-entitlement communities
 - \$45.57 billion to metropolitan cities using the CDBG formula
- \$19.53 billion to non-entitlement cities, towns, and villages
- \$65.1 billion to counties based on the county share of the U.S. population
 - Counties that are CDBG recipients will receive whichever is larger, the population-based share or the share under the CDBG formula

NCDA Legislative Priorities/ Advocacy

No less than \$4.2 billion for CDBG

No less than \$1.7 billion for HOME

Increased funding for HUD's Homeless Assistance Programs

\$300 million for Section 108 Loan Guarantee NCDA Statutory Priorities/ Advocacy

HOME Modernization

- Increase the administrative cap to 15%
- Eliminate the 24-month commitment deadline
- Replace the CHDO set-aside with a nonprofit set-aside
- Establish a HOME Loan Guarantee Program

CDBG Enhancements

- Update the CDBG authorized funding level to \$11.5 billion
- Allow CDBG grantees to determine the public services cap
- Add fair housing as an eligible free-standing activity
- Support minority nonprofits and nonprofits serving communities of color through TA and capacity-building
- Allow for new construction of housing under limited circumstances

NCDA Advocacy Actions

ESG-CV/ESG/CDBG Spending Deadline Extension Request

Letter to OMB Opposing MSA Change

Meeting with Rep. Cleaver (D-MO) to advance CDBG reforms

Meetings (with HOME Coalition working group) with Senator Cortez Masto, Senator Coons, and Rep. Beatty to advance HOME reforms

CDBG/HOME funding requests to THUD members

Upcoming NCDA Events

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IDIS Basic Training Mondays/Wednesdays (2:00 – 4:30 pm ET) April 5 – April 28 \$350/members

Subrecipient Management Training Mondays/Wednesdays (2:00 – 4:30 pm ET) May 3 – May 26 \$300/members

2021 Virtual Annual Conference June 16-18 \$150/members

Register: <u>https://ncdaonline.org</u>

Questions?