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CDBG's 30th Anniversary

During 2004, the Community Development Block Grant program marks its 30th Anniversary. Since its inception, CDBG has become the foundation of virtually all community and economic development occurring across the nation.

Signed into law on August 22, 1974, by President Gerald Ford, CDBG is the most reliable source of funding for addressing the critical social, economic, and environmental problems in our cities. Its design puts funding back into the cities where it is specifically targeted to those individuals who, without these funds, would not have access to services that only CDBG can provide. Its primary objective is the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

CDBG's greatest strength, however, is its approach to solving problems through a locally-driven, citizen participation process. For cities large and small, urban and rural, CDBG has been the driving force for housing rehabilitation, neighborhood improvements, and local economic development initiatives. It has improved water and sewer systems, provided loans for business development, supported services for lower income elderly and children, and expanded homeownership opportunities. And CDBG will continue to help create a better standard of living for all of America's people. CDBG: helping Communities Develop, Build, Grow!

30th Anniversary Video

Staff in CPD and in the Offices of Public Affairs and Administration have produced a short video in recognition of this 30th anniversary, with narration by Assistant Secretary Roy A. Bernardi.
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