



**HOUSING
STABILITY**

50 YEARS of **CDBG** Community Development Block Grant Program



WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT?



The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, administered by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban (HUD), supports community development projects to build stronger and more resilient communities nationwide. CDBG is used to help primarily low- to moderate-income families.

Since its inception, the CDBG program has empowered local governments to address diverse community needs promoting sustainable growth, enhancing quality of life, and ensuring equitable access to resources for all residents, regardless of socioeconomic status. Since the inception of the program in 1974, Salt Lake City has received over \$200 million in CDBG funds.



Housing
Provide expanded housing options for all.



Transportation
Promote accessibility and affordability of multimodal transportation options.



Community Resiliency
Provide tools to increase economic and housing stability.

2015-2024 **TOTAL CDBG**
\$35,608,311 **FUNDING**

45 grantees
251 projects

8,963
beneficiaries received
health services

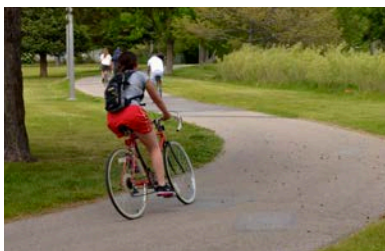
70
households received
homebuyer assistance



38
public infrastructure
improvements completed



1,392
households received
home improvements

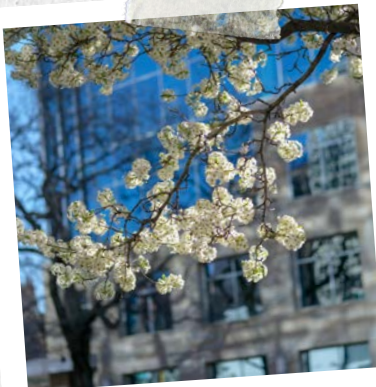


696
affordable housing
units developed



Homeless Services

Help ensure that homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring.



Behavioral Health

Support vulnerable populations experiencing behavioral health concerns.



HOUSING STABILITY

OUR MISSION

To develop and enhance
livable, healthy, and
sustainable neighborhoods.

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Salt Lake City, UT

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IMPACT STORIES



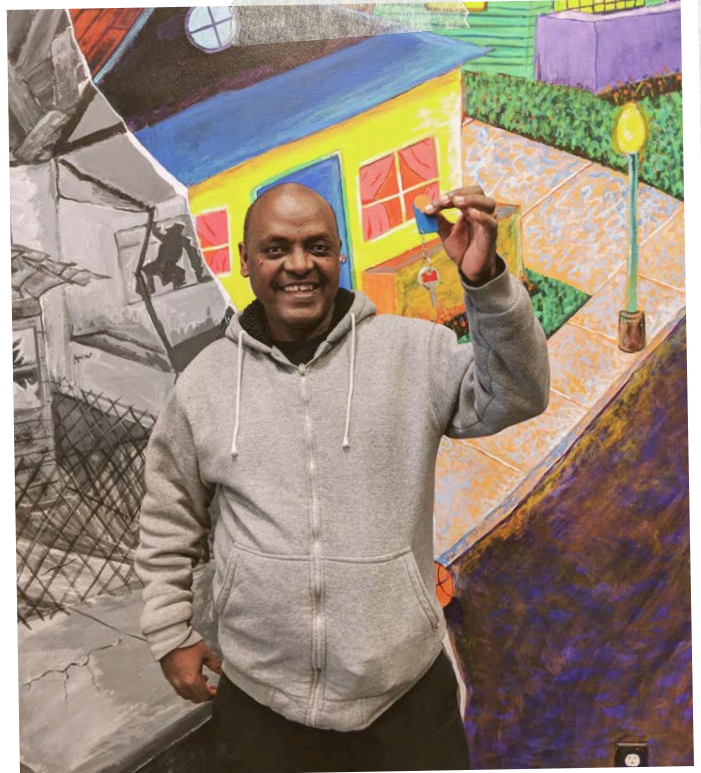
Advantage services landscaping crew

CDBG is... JOB TRAINING

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CDBG is... HOMEOWNERSHIP

Adane T., a New American originally from Ethiopia purchased his first home with the help of NeighborWorks Salt Lake. With CDBG funds, NeighborWorks Salt Lake was able to provide a 3% interest rate with a \$15,000 forgivable down payment assistance loan to help Adane achieve the American dream. Without NeighborWorks' support, financial education, and loan products, Adane, who earned less than 60% of the Area Median Income, would not have been able to become a homeowner and build generational wealth.



Adane T. with keys to his new home.

Milner, Tony

From: Media
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 3:06 PM
Subject: Alert :: Salt Lake City celebrates 50 years of CDBG impact in the community



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ERIN MENDENHALL

MEDIA ADVISORY

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May 10, 2024

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Salt Lake City celebrates 50 years of CDBG impact in the community

Mayor Erin Mendenhall joins community partners in kicking off [local celebrations for the Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\) Program's 50th anniversary](#) and its far-reaching impacts in Salt Lake City. Since 1974, the City has received nearly \$200 million in funding, which has been directed to city infrastructure, economic development projects, community centers, housing rehabilitation, homeless services, basic needs, health care, affordable housing developments, small business assistance, parks, and homeownership assistance.

The CDBG program supports community development activities that build stronger and more resilient communities, primarily for low- to moderate-income individuals and households, vulnerable populations, and historically underserved communities. The City currently has two opportunities for the public to engage with as it celebrates 50 years of CDBG:

1. Take a [public survey](#) for the City's HUD 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan
2. [Apply](#) for the CDBG Neighborhood Business Improvement Program and the Handyman and Home Repair programs

The public and media can view CDBG-funded programs and outcomes since 2015 on the City's [Housing Stability Dashboard](#).

What: Anniversary celebration with cake

Local stories illustrating CDBG's impact
Proclamation
Letter to Congress urging continuation of federal funding

When: 11:15 a.m. Monday, May 13

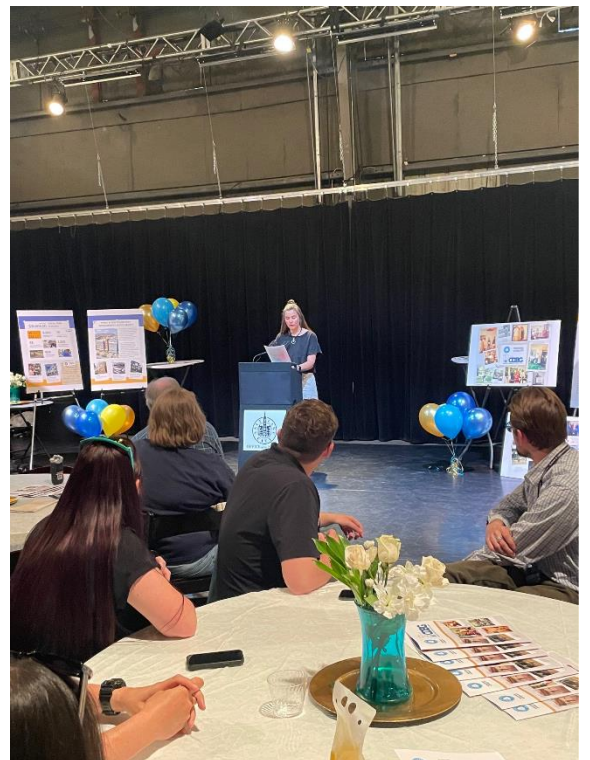
Where: Sugar Space Arts Warehouse
132 S. 800 West, Salt Lake City

Who: Mayor Erin Mendenhall
Salt Lake City Council Member Alejandro Puy
Brittany Reese, Sugar Space Owner
ASSIST Utah
NeighborWorks Salt Lake

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50 YEARS of CDBG

Community Development Block Grant Program















Erin Mendenhall

Mayor

WHEREAS, the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program has existed since 1974 to provide state and local governments with funding to develop viable, stronger, and more resilient urban communities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income; and

WHEREAS, these federal, flexible dollars have allowed local governments to tackle a range of serious challenges, address diverse community needs, promote sustainable growth, enhance the quality of life, and ensure equitable access to resources and amenities for all residents, regardless of socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City has been the proud recipient of CDBG funding since its inception and has received over \$200 million, which has allowed the City to provide grants to City projects and community service providers, significantly funding a wide variety of positive, impactful, and lasting programs that address the unique and evolving needs of the City's neighborhoods and its residents; and

WHEREAS, these CDBG dollars have been used to create safe, healthy, and affordable housing options; to empower our residents through job training programs; to improve public facilities and open space; to bolster community resiliency; and to facilitate access to opportunities that otherwise may not have been available to individuals or families; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City understands the need for fiscal responsibility and upholds that these federal funds typically leverage substantial non-federal investments to catalyze programs and projects into reality at the local level; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Salt Lake City designates 2024 as a time to honor the 50th anniversary of the CDBG Program and recognizes its tremendous contributions to our communities, and reaffirms our dedication to building resilient communities for future generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our community urges Congress and our leaders at the federal level to recognize the outstanding work being done locally with CDBG by supporting increased funding for the program for future years.

Dated the 13th day of May 2024


Erin Mendenhall
Mayor



May 31, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations 2207
Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations S-146A,
The Capitol Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick McHenry Chair
House Committee on Financial Services 2129
Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC
20515

The Honorable Sherrod Brown Chair
Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
Affairs
534 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC
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The Honorable Rose DeLauro Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations 2413 Rayburn
House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Susan Collins Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations S-128,
The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Maxine Waters Ranking
Member
House Committee on Financial Services 4340 O'Neill
House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tim Scott Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
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Re: Support funding for critical HUD CDBG program funding in FY25

Dear Chair Cole, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chair Murray, Vice Chair Collins, Chair McHenry, Ranking Member Waters, Chair Brown, and Ranking Member Scott,

As Salt Lake City leaders, we are writing to share our concerns regarding Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 appropriations for crucial programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As bicameral negotiations progress, we request your support in maintaining funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. We encourage the House and Senate to work together and provide level funding—at a minimum—for the program in the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (T-HUD) spending bill. These direct, flexible dollars allow local governments to tackle a range of serious challenges, from preventing homelessness to building affordable housing and public infrastructure to increasing economic stability by directly supporting families and small businesses.

As we celebrate 50 years of the CDBG program, Salt Lake City recognizes the positive, transformative impact this program has made in the lives of our constituents. These HUD dollars have helped create safe, healthy, and affordable housing options, empower our residents through job training programs, improve public facilities and open space, bolster community resiliency, and facilitate access to opportunities otherwise unavailable to individuals or families at the levels provided. Since its inception, Salt Lake City has invested more than \$200 million into the community by significantly funding a wide variety of positive, impactful, and lasting programs and projects. This has allowed the City to address diverse community needs, promote sustainable growth, enhance our quality of life, and ensure equitable access to resources and amenities for all residents, regardless of socioeconomic status. Since 2015, Salt Lake City has been able to recognize the following as a direct result of CDBG funding invested:

- 9,245 households assisted with access to healthy food.
- 8,963 individuals assisted with critical health and dental services.
- 4,709 individuals assisted with transit passes to work, school, and employment.
- 2,958 individuals received job skills training, providing economic mobility.
- 2,660 formerly homeless individuals assisted with peer support and case management.
- 2,035 youth provided with digital inclusion (internet, computers, and skills-based software).
- 2,467 children received early childhood education.
- 1,392 households received assistance for critical home improvements to increase safety.
- 696 units of affordable housing were created or preserved.
- 422 households were provided homeless prevention services, keeping them stabilized in housing.
- 97 small businesses received façade improvements, increasing their economic vitality.
- 70 first-time homeowners were able to realize homeownership.
- 38 public infrastructure improvement projects, including pedestrian walkways and bike lanes, increasing public safety for thousands more.

These numbers represent a small fraction of the full, lasting impact these critical HUD funds have made in our community. Understanding the need for fiscal responsibility and restraint, we would like to stress that these federal funds typically leverage substantial nonfederal investments to catalyze programs and projects into reality at the local level. HUD indicates that for every CDBG dollar invested, another \$4.09 in private and public dollars is leveraged. *Below are a few success stories from a small sampling of the many residents who have benefited from these investments.

We are concerned that the Biden Administration's current FY25 budget proposal includes a \$400 million decrease to the CDBG program. As discussions evolve, we urge your support for level funding at a minimum. CDBG is HUD's longest-running and most influential community development program. This program is needed now more than ever to help stimulate economic growth, meet urgent community development needs, and build affordable housing.

Salt Lake City is working to leverage other public and private dollars most effectively as our residents struggle with the threat of housing instability and an all-time high cost of living. Ensuring the CDBG program remains adequately funded is necessary to keep planned investments in critical projects on track and maintain essential services for protecting our most vulnerable populations. If CDBG funding is cut, our City and the rest of the nation risk losing ground on progress made.

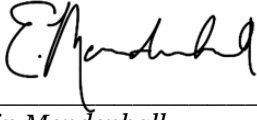
Last year, Salt Lake City engaged the public and collected quantitative and qualitative data that informs our use of these critical federal resources:

- Rental vacancy rates are extremely low, and home sale prices are unaffordable to most residents, straining existing rental housing and causing rent to rise dramatically.
- Despite a housing construction boom, housing prices suggest a shortage of housing supply overall, especially deeply affordable housing (affordable to renters earning 30% of AMI or less), with demand far outpacing supply.
- Salt Lake City is a majority renter city, and half of all renters are cost-burdened, spending more than 30 percent of their income on housing costs. Residents are concerned about tenant rights and resources.
- Wages have not kept pace with the cost of living, especially housing-related costs, and residents are increasingly stressed about everyday expenses.

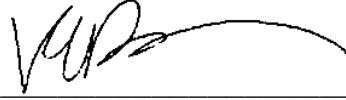
Given the impacts of inflation on American families and the severity of the national housing crisis, CDBG dollars remain one of the most important and impactful tools for cities to address some of the very real struggles that individuals and households are experiencing. Here in Utah, these programs allow our local government to undertake projects and provide services that improve our residents' ability to live safe, healthy, and productive lives and to reach their maximum potential.

We respectfully urge your support for maintaining funding for this critical HUD program as Congress begins the FY25 budget discussions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

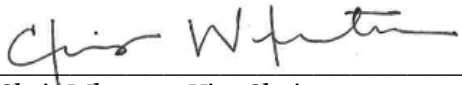
Sincerely,



Erin Mendenhall
Salt Lake City Mayor



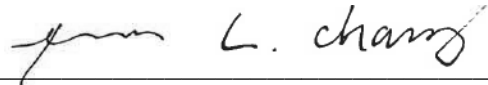
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Salt Lake City Council Member, District One



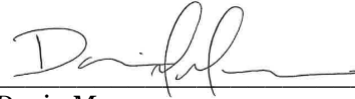
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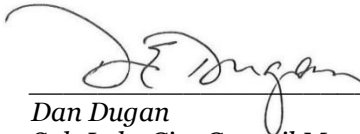
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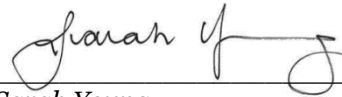
Eva Lopez Chavez
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Darin Mano
Salt Lake City Council Member, District Five



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Salt Lake City Council Member, District Six



Sarah Young
Salt Lake City Council Member, District Seven

*Success Story from Neighborworks Salt Lake's CDBG-funded First-time Homebuyer Program, which provides downpayment assistance and financial education to low-to-moderate-income residents of Salt Lake City who dream of homeownership.

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*Success Story from Advantage Services of Utah's CDBG-funded Provisional Supportive Employment Program, which provides supportive and permanent employment to disabled or disadvantaged individuals.

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