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Community Opportunity Alliance Responds to Reports of Workforce Reductions at HUD

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Statement by Frank Woodruff, Executive Director, Community Opportunity Alliance:

The reported layoffs at HUD threaten the vast majority of the 6,000 community development organizations in the United States that rely on federal resources, technical assistance, and program guidance to build affordable housing, support local economies, and strengthen neighborhoods.

State and local governments play a key role in delivering HUD programs, but without adequate HUD staffing, they will face delays and administrative challenges that ultimately hurt the communities and organizations these programs are meant to serve.

HUD is more than a funding agency—it ensures federal resources are accessible, flexible, and impactfully used. Cutting its workforce without a plan to maintain essential functions risks making it harder—not easier—for organizations to invest in communities effectively and efficiently.

The Community Opportunity Alliance urges the administration to ensure HUD remains a strong partner for local and state governments—and for community organizations working to create opportunity nationwide.

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About the Community Opportunity Alliance

The [Community Opportunity Alliance](https://www.communityopportunityalliance.org) is a national nonprofit that builds the community development field. We are committed to creating conditions where residents can shape the destiny of their neighborhoods. Some 6,000 local development organizations work in underserved communities across the nation to develop affordable housing and commercial space, support small business development, provide social services, and advocate for their communities.