



Community Opportunity News

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We are committed to informing you about federal actions that impact the community development field — and alerting you to key opportunities to take action. Please share these action alerts with your networks. You can find them on our [Action Alerts webpage](#). Follow our [LinkedIn page](#) for news throughout the month.

Protect Federal Programs

NeighborWorks America

The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) began examining the work of NeighborWorks America and dismantling its board of directors last week. DOGE's precise goals aren't clear yet. NeighborWorks has been a pillar of the community development field for decades, providing training, resources, and support that benefit organizations and communities.

- **TAKE ACTION: Contact your elected officials — particularly Republicans.** Tell your governors, senators, representatives, and Trump administration contacts that DOGE should cease their activities at NeighborWorks America and urge them not to dissolve any other federally independent organizations. If you have an example of how NeighborWorks has benefitted your organization and your community, make sure to include it.

HOME Program Appropriations

Congress is currently considering how much funding to include in the FY 2026 budget for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, which provides critical funding to community-based development organizations. The Alliance advocates for HOME funding and favorable regulations through the [HOME Coalition](#).

- **TAKE ACTION: [Sign this letter](#) on behalf of your organization.** Urge Congress to appropriate at least \$1.5 billion for the HOME program for Fiscal Year 2026. Ask other organizations to sign on too!

HOME Reauthorization

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program is up for reauthorization in Congress, a process in which Congress considers statutory and funding changes. Two members of the House are asking for public input through a Request for Information (RFI). Read their joint [press release](#).

- **TAKE ACTION: Submit comments by Friday.** [Use the RFI](#) to help formulate your comments. All submissions should be sent to the attention of Chairman Flood and Ranking Member Cleaver at FloodCleaver@mail.house.gov by Friday, April 25.

The Alliance has submitted a [comment letter](#) focused on the role of Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) in the HOME Program. The RFI also requests feedback on the Community Development Block Grant Program.

AmeriCorps

On April 16, DOGE officials visited the AmeriCorps agency in Washington and performed an abrupt “demobilization” of AmeriCorps NCCC and FEMA Corps members. In addition, the vast majority of AmeriCorps agency staff were put on administrative leave with pay, effective immediately. As of April 17, there have not been reports of impacts to

AmeriCorps programs beyond NCCC/FEMA Corps. However, DOGE is still at the AmeriCorps agency, and there is concern that this is a path to effectively dismantle AmeriCorps and jeopardize critical programs that serve local communities.

- **TAKE ACTION: Call and email your elected officials.** Voices for National Service has created a [script and instructions](#) for you to call your elected officials and ask them to stand for service. Please make these calls as soon as possible — time is of the essence. After you’ve called your representatives, please send a letter to your lawmakers using [this form](#).

Protect Your Grants

Infrastructure and Inflation Reduction Act Grants

On April 15, a U.S. district court granted a [preliminary injunction](#) to stop all freezes, halts, or pauses carried out by EPA, DOE, DOI, HUD, and USDA for grants funded under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act. This injunction applies to all such grants that are currently frozen. It does not apply to grants that have been selected but were never awarded. The Community Opportunity Alliance partnered with the National Council on Nonprofits to insure that HUD was included in the lawsuit.

- **If your grant has been suspended**, use this [template](#) from Lawyers for Good Government to demand that it be reinstated.
- **If your grant has been unfrozen**, now is the time to properly draw down because we do not know when it will close again.
- **Request legal assistance** from Lawyers for Good Government by filling out this [intake form](#).

The Environmental Protection Network provides additional [guidance](#) on what you can do.

Funding Opportunities

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