



**Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding**  
*Working to ensure maximum federal resources for housing and community development*

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The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sherrod Brown  
Chair  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maxine Waters  
Chair  
Financial Services Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

To Majority Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, Chair Brown, and Chair Waters:

As Congress continues to advance the Build Back Better Act, we, the members of the [Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding](#)\*, representing the housing and community development field, urge you to ensure that this historic legislation **maintains the highest level of funding possible** for critical housing and community development investments. Legislation approved by the House Financial Services Committee on September 14 to provide \$327 billion in investments in affordable, accessible housing and community development. These investments **must be included** in any final economic recovery package to help millions of households of color, older adults, people with disabilities, women and families with children, people experiencing homelessness, and other households and their communities thrive.

Like roads and bridges, fair, affordable, and accessible housing in strong, resourced communities is a long-term investment that provides families and individuals with low incomes the stability needed to thrive, while furthering neighborhood revitalization. Our nation's long-standing lack of affordable and accessible housing and the need for additional community development resources has only been exacerbated by the hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic over the past year and a half.

Congress has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in the affordable housing and community development needs acutely felt by underserved people and communities across our country. For this reason, we urge you to seize this opportunity to make bold investments **at the highest level of funding possible** to improve the lives of millions of Americans and those living in the US.

Sincerely,

American Association of Service Coordinators  
B'nai B'rith International  
Catholic Charities USA  
Center for Community Progress

Center for Disability Rights  
Council of Large Public Housing Authorities  
Council of State community Development Agencies  
CSH  
Enterprise Community Partners  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Fahe  
Funders Together to End Homelessness  
Grounded Solutions Network  
Habitat for Humanity International  
Housing Assistance Council  
LeadingAge  
Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
Low Income Investment Fund  
National Affordable Housing Management Association  
National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations  
National Alliance to End Homelessness  
National Association for County Community and Economic Development  
National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders  
National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders  
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials  
National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies  
National Center for Housing & Child Welfare  
National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development  
National Community Development Association  
National Council of State Housing Agencies  
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)  
National Homelessness Law Center  
National Housing Law Project  
National Housing Resource Center  
National Housing Trust  
National Leased Housing Association  
National Low Income Housing Coalition  
National NeighborWorks Association  
National Partnership for Women and Families  
National Women's Law Center  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
Public Housing Authorities Directors Association  
Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future

\*More about the members, mission, and work of the [Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding](#).