



# CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

## FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL

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Senator Mark Kelly  
United States Senate  
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Senator Ruben Gallego  
United States Senate  
Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Representative Eli Crane  
United States House of Representatives  
307 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Honorable Representatives,

As the Mayor of Flagstaff, I urge you to fully fund HUD's grant programs that support housing supply and development at the local level. Specifically, I ask you to preserve funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs.

For over 50 years, the CDBG program has provided flexible funding to urban, suburban, and rural communities to address housing and community development need in ways tailored to each community. In the past program year, CDBG funds in Flagstaff have

- Created four permanently affordable rental units for low- and moderate-income (LMI) households,
- Provided childcare scholarships for 12 children from 6 LMI households,
- Granted funding for operational support for Transitional Housing Programs serving 44 homeless households,
- And funded neighborhood revitalization projects in a target neighborhood, impacting 751 low-income households.

In total, 955 low-income individuals benefited from CDBG-funded projects and services during the past Program Year, most of whom have a household income at or below 30% of the Area Median Income.

The HOME program is also one of the most effective and flexible tools available to states and localities to address housing supply shortages and improve housing affordability. Through HOME, local governments are building, buying, and rehabilitating housing for rent or homeownership, as well as funding direct rental assistance to low-income individuals. Since 1992, HOME has built and preserved more than 1.39 million affordable homes and provided rental assistance to over 404,000 families.

I understand the subcommittee must make difficult decisions. However, I urge you to reject proposals to eliminate federal support of these programs and instead maintain at least level funding with FY25. CDBG and HOME are proven programs that are critical to meeting the needs of local communities.

Sincerely,

Becky Daggett,  
Mayor, City of Flagstaff, on behalf of the Flagstaff City Council