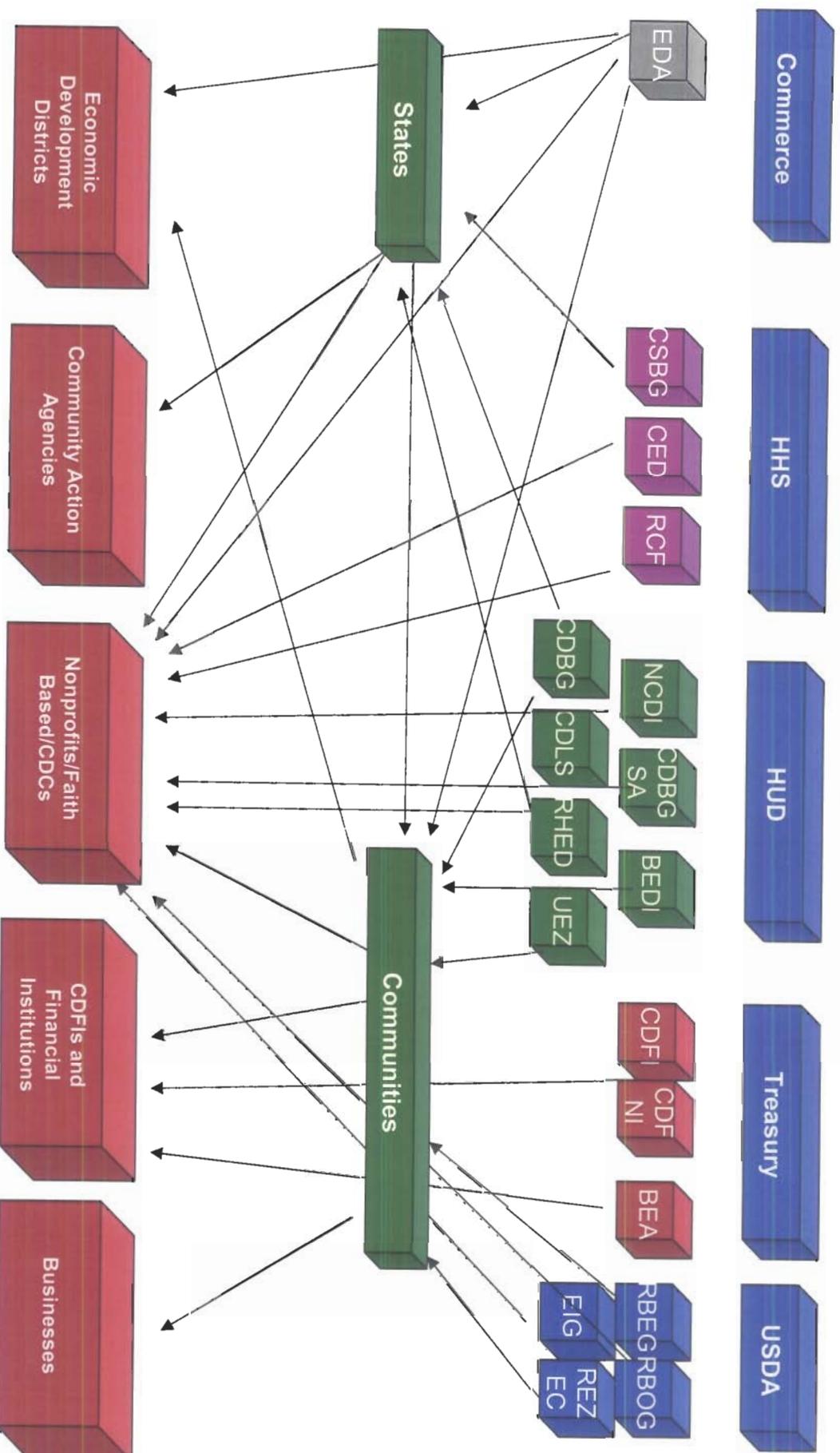
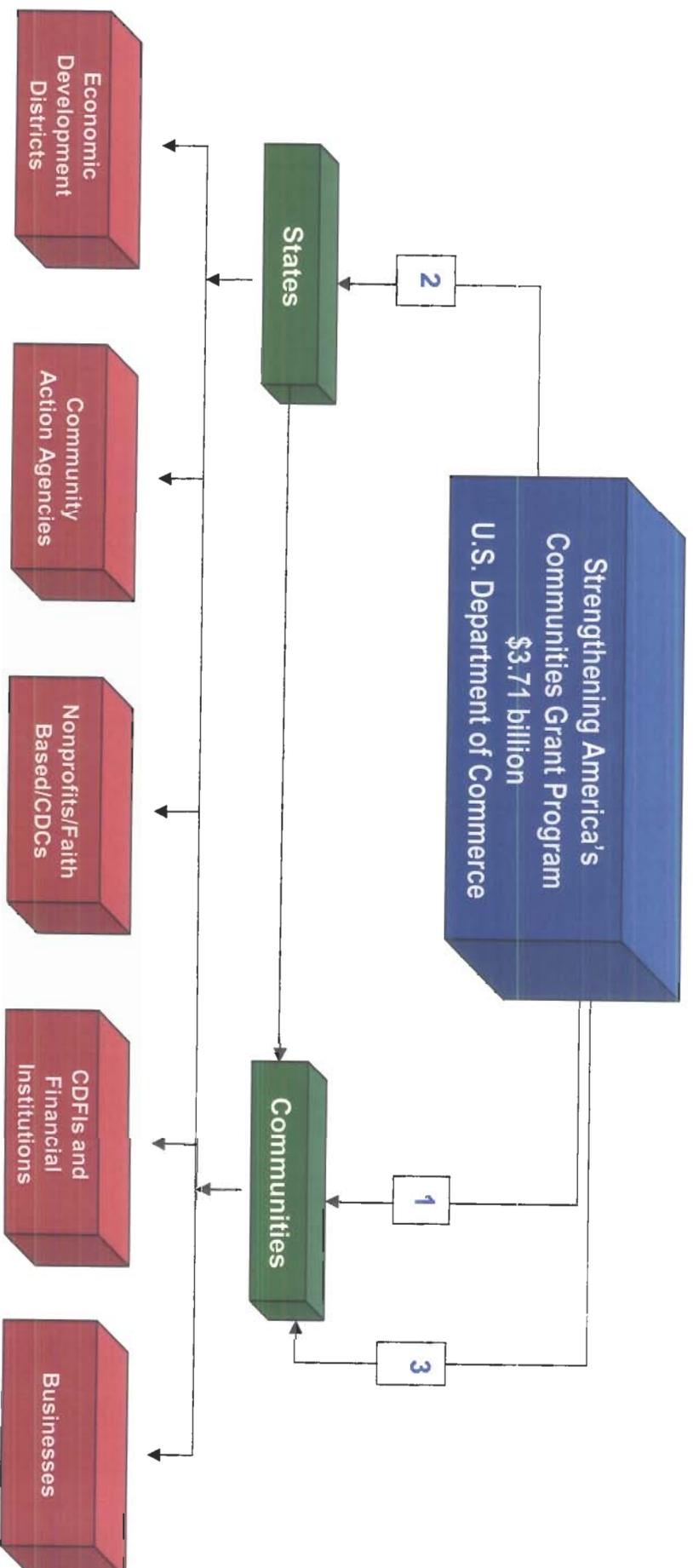


The Current Economic and Community Development System is Fragmented



Strengthening America's Communities Initiative Would Streamline Federal Economic Development Assistance

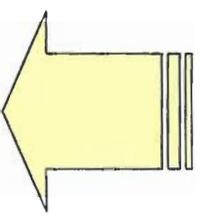
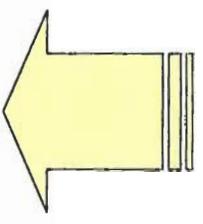
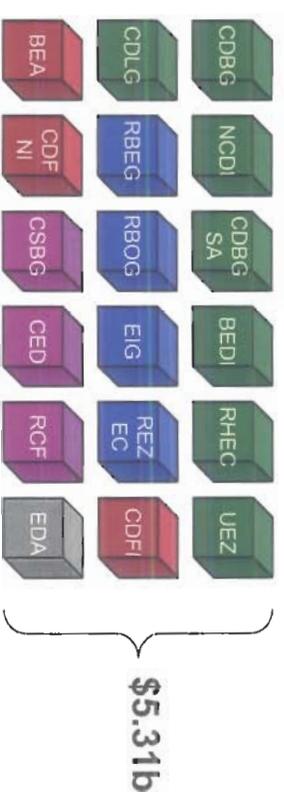
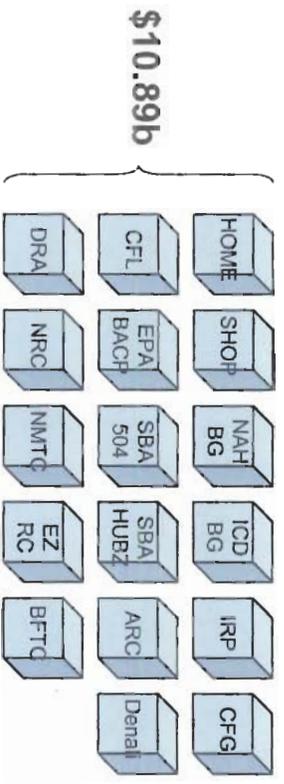


Funding will flow in three ways:

- 1 Directly to the community level to fund economic activities
- 2 To states, who will in turn distribute funding to communities
- 3 As bonus or incentive funding to a certain number of communities that are "development-ready"

FY2005 35 Economic and Community Development Programs

Total: \$16.2 billion

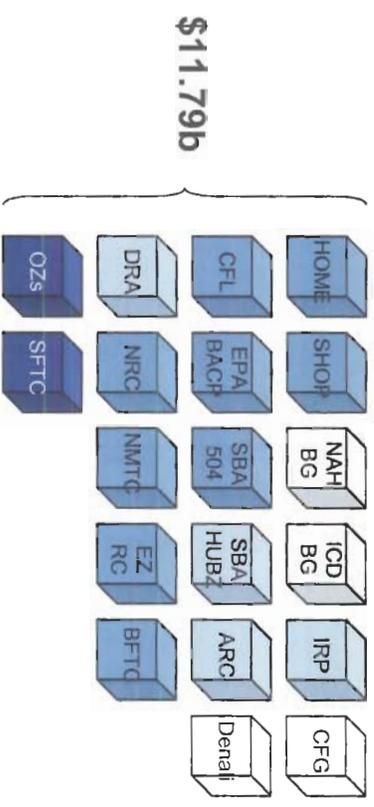


HUD
USDA
Treasury
HHS
Commerce

FY2006 20 Economic and Community Development Programs

Total: \$15.5 billion

(including 18 programs consolidated into 1 new program, a 4% reduction from FY 2005)



= 2006 increase
 = new tax initiative
 = 2006 decrease
 = level funding