



CDBG Basics: Training for Practitioners

May 1 - 3, 2017

Bridgeport, CT

Training Location

City of Bridgeport
Margaret E. Morton Government Center
999 Broad Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Course Overview

The National Community Development Association (NCDA) is pleased to announce the delivery of a three-day basic course on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The course will provide a basic, but comprehensive overview of the CDBG program. This course will provide a hands-on approach to learning the program through lecture and in-class exercises. Course participants will learn how to read the regulations, how to determine timeliness in spending CDBG funds, what activities are eligible under the program, how to document national objectives, and how to calculate Low-Mod Income (LMI) benefit. Participants will also learn important program definitions, the components of the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan, what's covered under the administration and planning activities, and grantee responsibility for monitoring sub-recipients. Class participants will also learn the difference between a sub-recipient, contractor, and a Community-Based Development Organization (CBDO) and their roles, as outlined in the regulations. Class participants will learn important financial administration information related to program management and other federal cross-cutting regulations related to the program.

Course participants will receive a comprehensive training manual that includes the CDBG program regulations and other important notices and requirements. A course agenda and registration form is attached. In order to ensure a spot in the class being held in Bridgeport, CT, please register directly online at <http://www.ncdaonline.org/cdbg.asp>

There will be a course exam (**which must be taken on site**) on the final day of the course. The exam is not mandatory, however, it is an excellent barometer of one's understanding of the program as a whole. A Certificate of Completion will be awarded to those who pass the test with a score of 70 or better.

Class schedule is from 9am - 4:30pm on the first and second days of class. Class will end on the 3rd day at approximately noon, and the exam (4 hour maximum) may be started immediately after class or after a brief lunch break. You may bring a lunch to the exam room.



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Register online at <http://www.ncdaonline.org/cdbg.asp>. During the registration process, you will have the option to pay by credit card or to receive an invoice.

Confirmation: You should receive a **confirmation message** from "NCDCA Web Site" immediately after the registration process. *If you do not receive this confirmation it means your registration did not complete and you are not registered.* In this case, please contact Steve at sgartrell@ncdaonline.org.

Early Registration (register by April 15, 2017)

NCDCA Member Cities/Counties: \$350/person

Non-Member Cities/Counties: \$450/person

Payment Deadline: May 1, 2017; Payment received after this date will incur a \$50 late fee

General Registration (April 15 – May 1, 2017)

Members: \$450

Non-Members: \$550

Payment Deadline: May 1, 2017; Payment received after this date will incur a \$50 late fee. To register go to <http://ncdaonline.org/CDBG.asp>.

Payment: After you register you will receive an **immediate confirmation message**. The confirmation message will contain links that will give you the option to pay by credit card or receive an invoice. If you do not receive an immediate confirmation message it means that your registration has not gone through. If this happens, please contact Steve Gartrell at sgartrell@ncdaonline.org.

Cancellation & No-Show: Cancellation within two weeks of the 1st day of class will result in a

penalty of 50% of the registration fee. Those who register but who have not cancelled and do not show up will be charged 100% of the Late Registration Fee.

TRAINING SITE: The training will be held City of Bridgeport, Margaret E. Morton Government Center, 999 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Please arrive 15 minutes early on the first day of the training for registration purposes.

HOTEL

Training participants will be responsible for obtaining their own hotel accommodations and transportation to and from the training site. A variety of options available within a reasonable drive to Warner Park Community Center. Easiest for folks to use their favorite travel site and opt for their preferred price range, location, etc. The Holiday Inn is within walking distance of the training venue and the train station.

Transportation: The nearby train station is serviced by Amtrak and MetroNorth.

DRESS - Business casual

QUESTIONS?

Contact Steve Gartrell at sgartrell@ncdaonline.org.

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Course Agenda

Breaks will be taken mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Lunch will be on your own from 12:00 - 1:00 on Days One and Two.

DAY ONE: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Introductions
Course Objectives

AGENDA: DAY 1

- Overview Of CDBG
- Historical Perspective
- Regulations
 - How To Read Them
- National Objectives
 - What Congress Requires
 - How To Document
- Eligible Activities
 - What are they?
 - How They Meet A National Objective
 - Who Can And Can't Do Them
- Limitations On Expenditures
 - Public Services
 - Administration

DAY TWO: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA – DAY 2

- Program Administration
 - The Consolidated Plan & Citizen Participant Plan
 - Subrecipients, Contractors, and CBDOs
 - Monitoring
 - Reporting And Record Keeping
- Financial Management
 - Pre-award Costs
 - Admin Vs. Project Costs
 - Audits
 - Program Income
 - “Timeliness”
 - Record Keeping

- OTHER FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS
 - Lead Based Paint
 - Labor Standards

DAY THREE: 9:00 - Noonish

AGENDA - DAY 3

- Other Federal Requirements
 - ♦ Environmental
 - ♦ FHEO
 - ♦ URA And Section 104(d)
 - ♦ Procurement
 - ♦ Legal Status
- Achieving Quality
 - ♦ Conflict Of Interest
- Test

Noonish - 4 p.m.

Open Book Test (The test is optional)

Don't forget to complete the course evaluation! Thanks!