

DRAFT AGENDA*

2019 NCD A Winter Legislative, Policy and Professional Development Meeting

Washington, DC – January 23-25, 2019

Pre-Conference Training: January 22, 2019

Conference Registration Link: <https://ncdaonline.regfox.com/2019-winter-conference>

NCD A members are encouraged to schedule Congressional visits during the conference to educate Congress on the importance of CDBG and HOME and discuss how the funds are being used back home. There are several allotted times in the agenda for meeting with your Congressional Members. Talking points are available in the conference packets. Please bring a one-page CDBG and HOME fact sheet to share with your Congressional delegation. Please connect with other conference participants from your state to meet as one voice with your Congressional delegation.



Note to NCD A Members who are **AICP** credentialed: NCD A has been approved as an **AICP Certification Maintenance (CM) provider**. Some of the sessions below are qualified CM events. We will be adding sessions to the list as the agenda is finalized. These events will be marked with the following symbol (where the number equals the number of CM credits): **CM | 6**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22 – Pre-Conference Training

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Pre-Conference Training Check-In

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Preconference Training (Concurrent sessions – choose one class only)

- **Advanced CDBG Training - CM | 6**
Senior community development staff, new managers and experienced managers wishing to stimulate new ideas can benefit from the course. The agenda will include information and discussion on effective program planning, equitable allocation systems, program implementation challenges, leveraging resources and problem solving.
- **Advanced HOME Training - CM | 6**
This course, intended for practitioners with 4+ years of HOME experience, provides detailed examinations of actual HOME-funded projects, including grant agreements, initial and ongoing compliance, and the use of innovative partnerships to more effectively address housing needs with HOME funds.
- **Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Using CDBG - CM | 6**
Be prepared – any community may be impacted by a disaster. This one-day class will cover pre-disaster planning for community development practitioners, using CDBG to respond to a disaster, an introduction to CDBG-DR, and some examples of local CDBG/CDBG-DR disaster programs.

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Hill Visits

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Conference Early Registration

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Registration/Information

8:00 am – 9:00 am

New Member/First Time Attendees Breakfast and Orientation

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Plenary Session: Legislative Roundtable

This roundtable discussion will provide an overview of the Congressional appropriations and budget process including an update on FY2019 appropriations. Come prepared to interact and ask questions.

Moderator:

Vicki Watson, NCDAs Executive Director

Participants:

Sean Maxwell, Legislative Director, Office of Congressman David Price (D-NC)

Chris Sweet, Legislative Director, Office of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions

Environmental Review

This session will help participants better understand the environmental review requirements and grantee compliance responsibilities.

Presenter:

Lauren B. McNamara

Senior Environmental Specialist

Office of Energy and Environment

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Washington, DC

Best Practices in Community Engagement

This session will provide ideas for engaging the community in your strategic and community planning processes. The session will provide ideas on addressing barriers to community engagement and developing long-term approaches to foster community engagement.

Presenters:

Alicia Zoeller

Community Development Director

City of Holyoke, MA

Raymond Webster

Development Specialist

County of Los Angeles, CA

Elizabeth McNannay

CDBG Program Coordinator

City of Caldwell, ID

Debra Rhinehart
Strategic Advisor, Federal Grants Management Unit
City of Seattle, WA

IDIS

HUD Headquarters staff will provide an update on IDIS as well as the most common errors and problems faced by grantees in using the system and suggested fixes. The session will also cover some of the most frequently asked questions from grantees.

Presenters:

Peter Huber
Office of Affordable Housing Programs
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Washington, DC (invited)

Puping Huang
Office of Block Grant Assistance
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Washington, DC (invited)

12:00 am – 1:30 pm

Hill Visits/Lunch on Your Own

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Concurrent Sessions

Disaster Resilience

Hear from communities that are working to reduce the impacts of natural disasters by focusing on proactive investments and policy decisions to more successfully adapt to and recover from disasters and disaster losses.

Presenters:

Stacy Brown
Housing & Community Development Manager
Planning & Development Services
City of San Marcos, TX

George Mensah
Director, Community and Economic Development Department
City of Miami, FL

CDBG Cost Principles

This session will focus on the following areas.

- Eligible, allowable, reasonable, and allocable costs
- Direct and indirect costs
- Recovery of indirect costs

Presenter:

Paul Webster
Director, Financial Management Division

Office of Block Grant Assistance
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Washington, DC

Affordable Housing Incentive Strategies

This session will look at incentives used by some local jurisdictions to expand private-sector participation in the development of affordable housing and mixed-income housing such as expediting the development approval process, waiving local fees, assisting with project infrastructure and density flexibility, among others.

Presenters:

Amy Yearsley
Housing Coordinator
City of Cape Coral, FL

Rita Parise
Housing Administrator
City of Columbus, OH

Nancy Jewell
Community Development Administrator
City of Palm Bay, FL

Rosie Truelove
Director, Department of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development
City of Austin, TX

3:30 pm – 3:40 pm

Break

3:40 pm – 5:20 pm

Subcommittee Meetings (Open to all conference participants)

- **Housing Subcommittee**
- **Economic Development Subcommittee**
- **Planning and Professional Development Subcommittee**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Registration/Information

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Subcommittee Meetings (Open to all conference participants)

- **Community Development Subcommittee**
- **Membership Subcommittee**
- **Technology Subcommittee**

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 am – 12:30 pm

Plenary Session: HUD Program Update

Hear from HUD Headquarters staff on the latest program and policy changes affecting CPD program areas.

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Hill Visits/Lunch on Your Own

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Board of Directors Luncheon Meeting

2:00 pm -3:30 pm

Concurrent Sessions

CDBG Program Timeliness

This session will provide an overview of the CDBG program timeliness requirements and recommendations for making your CDBG program timely.

Presenters:

Carmen Gandulla
Director, Division of Community Development
Jersey City, NJ

Scott Stevenson
Director, Community & Economic Development Division
Community Development Commission/Housing Authority
County of Los Angeles, CA

Continuum of Care Best Practices

This session will highlight Continuum of Care design and implementation best practices from across the country.

Presenters:

Anastacia Wyatt
Community Development Director
City of Salinas, CA

Charlie Lanter
Director, Grants and Special Programs
Lexington-Fayette County, KY

Section 3 Compliance

HUD's Section 3 program provides employment opportunities for low-income people on projects funded with HUD resources, such as CDBG and HOME. Certain thresholds and requirements apply. This session will provide an overview of the Section 3 requirements and grantee compliance responsibilities.

Presenter:

Stephanie Waller
Director, Economic Opportunity Division
Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Washington, DC

3:30 pm – 3:40 pm Break

3:40 pm – 4:45 pm **Roundtable Discussions**

- HOME Match Basics
- Best Practices for CAPER Reporting
- Communicating Federal Program Requirements to Elected Officials
- Infill Housing
- Effective Citizen Participation Practices
- Using CDBG for Code Enforcement
- Public Services Best Practices
- Determining Eligibility in the CDBG Program
- Problematic HUD Regulations
- NCDAs Training

4:45 pm – 6:00 pm **Regional Caucus Meetings (Open to All Conference Participants)**

Region I (New England)

Region II (NY/NJ)

Region III & IV (Mid-Atlantic/Southeast)

Region V/VII/VIII (Midwest/Great Plains)

Region VI (Southwest)

Region IX (Pacific)

Region X (Northwest)

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm **Conference Reception**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 am – 12:00 pm **Registration/Information**

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast**

9:00 am – 10:00 am **Roundtable Discussions (Repeated)**

- HOME Match Basics
- Best Practices for CAPER Reporting
- Communicating Federal Program Requirements to Elected Officials
- Infill Housing
- Effective Citizen Participation Practices
- Using CDBG for Code Enforcement
- Public Services Best Practices
- Determining Eligibility in the CDBG Program
- Problematic HUD Regulations
- NCDAs Training

10:00 am – 10:10 am **Break**

10:10 am – 11:30 am **Plenary Session: CDBG Selected Topics**

This session will cover the following CDBG topics:

- Administration and planning cap

- Program income
- LMI Summary Data

Presenter:

Steve Johnson

Director, Entitlement Communities Division

Office of Block Grant Assistance

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Washington, DC

11:30 am – 12:30: pm

Plenary Session: Community Development Best Practices

Winners of the 2019 Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Award will present their outstanding community development projects.

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Awards Luncheon

*Please note: This agenda is subject to change until becoming final.