



# NCDA Membership Month

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## About NCDA

**Mission:** *To assist local governments to achieve high-quality, locally responsive programs for making communities better places to live and work, particularly for low- and moderate-income people.*

The National Community Development Association (NCDA) is a national membership association comprised of more than 400 local governments across the country that administer federally-supported community development, affordable housing, and economic development programs – CDBG, HOME, Section 108 and HUD’s Homeless Assistance programs. NCDA represents the interest of its members in Washington, D.C. by working with Congress and the Administration to protect program funding and impact program regulations. NCDA’s roots go back to 1968 when Congress passed legislation authorizing the Model Cities Program, the predecessor to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, which NCDA helped create in 1974.

NCDA membership is open to cities and counties which receive a direct annual CDBG or HOME allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### Annual Dues Structure (Based on Population):

Under 50,000	\$550
50,001 – 100,000	\$940
101,001 – 250,000	\$1,545
250,001 – 500,000	\$2,000
Over 500,000	\$3,430

## Why Join NCDA?

**NCDA Fights to Protect Program Funding.** NCDA fights for CDBG and HOME. NCDA and its program partners were successful in increasing funding for CDBG and HOME in FY18 despite proposed elimination of both programs by the Administration. NCDA leads the CDBG Coalition, an alliance of 28 national organizations, that work to promote the need and importance of CDBG with Congress and other stakeholders. NCDA fights for HOME funding through direct interaction with Congress and the Administration and through its member organizations.

- FY18 CDBG funding increased by \$300 million to \$3.3 billion
- FY18 HOME funding increased by \$412 million to \$1.362 billion

**Good Value.** NCDA's member dues are inexpensive and haven't increased in the past thirteen years. The dues are an eligible CDBG expense and can be paid out of your CDBG administrative funds.

**Professional Education.** Advancing the community development profession through training. NCDA is the national leader in providing CDBG and HOME training to grantees. The training is taught by program practitioners so that participants gain a real world understanding of the programs. NCDA offers the following training courses: CDBG Basics, HOME Basics, Advanced CDBG, CDBG Subrecipient Management, HOME/CDBG Underwriting, CDBG and Disaster Recovery, and CDBG-DR.

**Efficient Program Administration.** NCDA's training, winter and summer conferences, and its NCDAonline Forum provide members the opportunity to exchange ideas and learn best practices to operate their programs more effectively. The NCDAonline Forum allows members to communicate with one another on program issues in a real-time format.

**Crafting Public Policy.** NCDA membership allows you to participate in NCDA's policy subcommittees to craft public policy surrounding CDBG, HOME, and other HUD programs and assist NCDA in developing its annual legislative priorities.

**Peer Networking.** Members meet and network with peers from across the country.

**NCDA Washington Report and Alerts.** NCDA provides members with a monthly newsletter and e-mail alerts to keep you informed on federal budget, appropriations actions, and HUD news.

**Jobs Board.** The NCDA Jobs Board provides members with access to community development and affordable housing positions across the country. Members can post available positions, too.

**Discounts.** NCDA members receive discounts on training and conferences.

**A Voice for CDBG and HOME.** Most importantly, your membership allows NCDA to work on your behalf in Washington, D.C. with Congress and the Administration; allowing CDBG and HOME to have a voice.

## Join Today and Receive Free Membership Through June 30, 2018

If you join today, you will receive free membership through June 30, 2018. You will be billed for full FY19 membership (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019) in July. To join NCDA, please go [here](#) to complete the NCDA Membership Commitment Form.

**Questions?** Please contact Vicki Watson, NCDA's Executive Director, at [vwatson@ncdaonline.org](mailto:vwatson@ncdaonline.org) or at 540-656-9552.

## What Members Are Saying

*"Being a part of NCDA means our city has a louder, stronger voice on the national level, at a time of continuous funding volatility and unpredictability in Washington, DC. It also provides us with the opportunity to share and learn from other communities' experiences and lessons in successfully overseeing our community development programs for those residents in need."*

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

*"We operate our Community Development Department with a very small staff, but thanks to NCDA, we receive first-class training that helps us work smarter. When we attend NCDA conferences, we always pick up peer-related ideas from every part of the country that we take home to improve our programs – or add new programs – without having to add bodies. Our investment in NCDA membership pays for itself over and over."*

**John Callow, Community Development Director, City of Murfreesboro, TN**

*"More than just paying a nominal fee to join, membership in NCDA allows cutting edge access to the latest in grant management information, tools and techniques for project development, leveraging the knowledge and experience of practitioners across the country, exchange of ideas through networking, training and professional development. Even though I have been in community development for over 30 years, I always learn something new with every conference that I attend."*

**Scott Stevenson, Director, Community Development Division, Community Development Commission, Los Angeles County, CA**

*“NCDA provides great benefit and value to small grantee cities, like mine. NCDA’s voice has made a difference and continues to make a difference in our nation’s capital. Through NCDA, we have successfully advocated for the preservation and increase of our CDBG funding.”*

**Dale E. Cook, Jr., Community Development Administrator, City of Palm Springs, CA**