



Winter Legislative, Policy, and Professional Development Meeting (Online)

February 2-4, 2022

Draft Agenda

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 | 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM (All Times Eastern)

11:00 am – 11:45 am

New to NCDA Orientation

Are you new to NCDA? Want to learn more about the Association? This orientation will introduce NCDA to new members and first-time conference participants.

Panelists

- Vicki Watson, NCDA Executive Director
- Marcy Esbjerg, Director, Community Development, Pasco County, FL (NCDA Membership Subcommittee Co-Chair)

12:00 pm – 12:15 pm

Conference Welcome

Anne Marie Belrose (Boston, MA), NCDA President
Vicki Watson, NCDA Executive Director

12:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Federal Policy Update: CARES Act, Recovery Programs, and Build Back Better Funding (Plenary Session)

Hear the latest program updates from senior HUD and Treasury officials on the CARES Act, recovery programs, and HUD funding available in the Build Back Better Act. The session will provide updates on the CDBG-CV, ESG-CV, HOME-ARP, and Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) programs.

Panelists

- Jessie Handforth Kome, Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD, Washington, DC (invited)
- Virginia Sardone, Director, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, HUD, Washington, DC (invited)
- Karen DeBlasio, Director, Program Coordination and Analysis Division, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, HUD Washington, DC (invited)

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

HOME-ARP

This session will take a deeper dive into the HOME-ARP program requirements and how to use the funds to assist the homeless and other vulnerable populations.

Panelists

- Virginia Sardone, Director, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, HUD, Washington, DC (invited)
- Henrietta Owusu, Director, Program Policy Division, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, HUD, Washington, DC (invited)

Administering a Successful Housing Rehab Program

Do you have limited staff capacity to administer your housing rehab program and difficulty finding contractors and eligible program applicants? This session will provide ideas for efficiently expending program funds, recruiting contractors, and attracting applicants.

Panelists

- Jane Prout, Community Development Analyst, City of White Plains, NY
- Anne Pinter, Single Family Housing Director, City of Detroit, MI
- Faris Fakhouri, Chief of Housing Inspections, City of Detroit, MI
- David Bachrach, Community Development Director, City of East Providence, RI

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

A panel of grantees will outline their Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice plan process and actions to promote inclusive communities.

Panelists

- Judith Mezey, Deputy Commissioner of Planning, City of White Plains, NY

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Dealing with Program Capacity Constraints

A panel of grantees will discuss how they have overcome program capacity issues in their HUD and Treasury programs. The panelists will share tools and processes for managing programs with limited staff and tips for expanding staff capacity to ensure federal program funds are expended on time.

Ethical Conduct in the Administration of Federal Programs

Public service is a public trust. This session will provide information on the standards for ethical conduct for grantees administering federal programs.

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Virtual Reception

Join your peers from around the country for informal networking.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3 | 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM (All Times Eastern)

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Federal Policy Update: CDBG, HOME, ESG, CoC (Plenary Session)

Hear the latest policy updates from senior HUD officials on the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and Continuum of Care programs.

Panelists

- Jessie Handforth Kome, Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD, Washington, DC (invited)
- Virginia Sardone, Director, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, HUD, Washington, DC (invited)
- Karen DeBlasio, Director, Program Coordination and Analysis Division, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, HUD Washington, DC (invited)

12:40 pm – 1:50 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Accessibility of Federal Grant Funded Programs and Services

Two grantees will discuss their efforts to incorporate disability access into federal grant program planning and implementation.

Panelists

- Melissa (Horr) Pond, ADAC, Senior Principal Planner, Quincy, MA
- Debra Rhinehart, Strategic Advisor, City of Seattle, WA

CDBG Timeliness

HUD staff will provide an overview of the CDBG timeliness standards and expectations.

Panelists

- Savin Ven Johnson, Deputy Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD (invited)
- James Hoemann, Director, Entitlements Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD (invited)

Administration of ERA Program Funds

This session will focus on the program design and implementation strategies employed by grantees in the administration of their Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).

Panelists

- Nick Henry, Community Investment Corporation, Tucson, AZ
- John Callow, NCDATrainer, Murfreesboro, TN

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Section 3

HUD staff will provide the latest information on the new Section 3 rule requirements, compliance, reporting, and implementation tools.

Panelists

- Erinn Martin, Senior Community Planning and Development Specialist, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD
- Joshua Furman, Senior Affordable Housing Specialist, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, HUD

Economic Development Session: Section 108 Primer

HUD staff will provide an overview of the Section 108 Loan Guarantee program and how it can be used to fund economic development projects and undertake revitalization activities.

Panelists

- Paul Webster, Director, Financial Analysis Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD (invited)
- Seema Thomas, Deputy Director, Financial Analysis Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD (invited)

CARES Act Capacity Building Best Practices Case Study: Salt Lake City

Salt Lake City received CARES Act funding for CDBG-CV, HOPWA-CV, and ESG-CV in 2020 and officially appropriated these funds through City Council in February 2021, to subrecipient agencies operating programs providing COVID related services to residents of the City. Salt Lake City staff will highlight capacity building best practices learned along the way and implemented with three of those subrecipients.

Moderator: Heather Royall, Policy and Program Manager, Housing Stability Division, Department of Community and Neighborhoods, Salt Lake City, UT

Panelists

- Tyler Durfee, Community Development Grant Supervisor, Salt Lake City, UT
- Alex Lundy, Community Development Grant Specialist, Salt Lake City, UT
- Kerry Thomas, Community Development Grant Specialist, Salt Lake City, UT

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

HUD Remote Monitoring of Grant Programs

HUD staff will share protocol for remote monitoring of grantees and how you can prepare for the monitoring review.

How to Increase Citizen Participation in the Con Plan Process

Grantees will share their strategies and tips for effectively engaging all sectors of the public in the Con Plan development, including communities of color, persons with disabilities, seniors, youth, and others.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 | 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM (All Times Eastern)

11:00 am to 11:45 am

National Community Development Week (Plenary Session)

Learn about National Community Development Week and how you can participate in the 2022 National Community Development Week campaign, April 18-22, to promote the CDBG and HOME programs.

11:50 am to 12:50 pm

Legislative Update (Plenary Session)

Hear the latest news on HUD program funding and other important congressional actions and legislation from the Hill.

12:55 pm to 2:00 pm

Connecting with Your Congressional Members (Plenary Session)

This session will discuss ways for you to connect with your Congressional representatives to share federal program impact in their states and districts.

Panelists

Vicki Watson, NCDA Executive Director
Sean Glennon, Community Development Director, Quincy, MA

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Guest Speaker

2:35 pm to 4:15 pm

Community Development Best Practices (Plenary Session)

Winners of the 2022 NCDA Audrey Nelson National Community Development Awards will present their community development projects and best practices.