



National Community Development Association



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

February 2-4, 2022

Agenda



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

11:00 am – 11:45 am ET

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 ET

Conference Welcome

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

12:15 pm – 2:15 pm ET **CM | 2.0**

Federal Policy Update: CARES Act and Recovery Programs (Plenary Session)

Hear the latest program updates on the CARES Act programs and other pandemic recovery programs. The session will provide updates on the CDBG-CV, ESG-CV, HOME-ARP, Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program, and the use of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for affordable housing.

Moderator: Vicki Watson, NCDCA Executive Director

Panelists

- James Hoemann, Director, Entitlement Communities Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD, Washington, DC
- Virginia Sardone, Director, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, HUD, Washington, DC
- Karen DeBlasio, Director, Program Coordination and Analysis Division, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, HUD Washington, DC
- Jennifer Schwartz, Director of Tax and Housing Advocacy, National Council of State Housing Agencies, Washington, DC

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm ET

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

HOME-ARP CM | 1.25

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.

Moderator: Vicki Watson, NCDCA Executive Director

Panelists

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

Administering a Successful Housing Rehab Program CM | 1.25

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.

Moderator: Nicole Wyse, City of Detroit, MI

Panelists

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

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm ET

Ethical Conduct in the Administration of CDBG Funds (Plenary Session) CM | 1.25

This session will provide information on federal ethics policy for administration of CDBG funds including conflict of interest policy, anti-lobbying, procurement ethics, and internal controls.

Moderator: Vicki Watson, NCDCA Executive Director

Panelist

Jessie Handforth Kome, Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD, Washington, DC

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm ET

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 ET **CM | 1.5**

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.

Moderator: Vicki Watson, NCDAs Executive Director

Panelists

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

12:40 pm – 1:50 pm ET

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Accessibility of Federal Grant Funded Programs and Services **CM | 1.0**

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

Moderator: Heather Johnson, Community Development Resources Manager, City of Davenport, IA

Panelists

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

CDBG Timeliness **CM | 1.0**

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

Moderator: Vicki Watson, NCDAs Executive Director

Panelists

- Savin Ven Johnson, Deputy Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD, Washington, DC
- Duncan Yetman, Deputy Director, Entitlement Communities Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD, Washington, DC (invited)

Administration of ERA Program Funds **CM | 1.0**

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, NCDAs Trainer, Murfreesboro, TN

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm ET

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Section 3 CM | 1.0

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

Moderator: Vicki Watson, NCDA Executive Director

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: Exploring Section 108 for Infrastructure, Mixed-Use, and Loan Funds CM | 1.0

This session will provide information on using the Section 108 Loan Guarantee program for infrastructure, mixed-used development, and loan funds.

Moderator: David Bachrach, Community Development Director, City of East Providence, RI

Panelists

- Paul Webster, Director, Financial Analysis Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD
- Seema Thomas, Deputy Director, Financial Analysis Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD
- Jorge Morales, Origination Team Lead, Financial Analysis Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD

CARES Act Capacity Building Best Practices Case Study: Salt Lake City CM | 1.0

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 ET

HUD Remote Monitoring of Grant Programs (Plenary Session) CM | 1.25

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

Moderator: Vicki Watson, NCDA Executive Director

Panelist

Nadab Bynum, Acting Director, Office of Field Management, CPD, HUD (invited)

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

11:00 am to 11:45 am ET

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 11-15, to promote the CDBG and HOME programs.

Panelists

Vicki Watson, NCDCA Executive Director

Marcy Esbjerg, Community Development Director, Pasco County, FL

11:50 am to 12:50 pm ET

Legislative Roundtable Discussion (Plenary Session)

Hear the latest news on HUD program funding and the proposed budget and appropriations schedule for the coming year.

Moderator: Vicki Watson, NCDCA Executive Director

Panelists

- Nora Blalock, Legislative Director, Office of Congressman David Price (D-NC), U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC
- Doug Disrud, Minority Clerk, Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC

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, NCDCA Executive Director

Sean Glennon, Community Development Director, Quincy, MA

2:00 pm to 2:15 pm ET

NCDCA Community Development Congressional Champion Award

Awarded to Congressman David Price (D-NC), Chairman, Transportation-HUD Subcommittee, U.S. House of Representatives

2:15 pm to 2:45 pm

HUD Remarks

2:30 pm to 3:00 pm ET

Remarks from Arthur Jemison, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm ET

Community Development Best Practices: Audrey Nelson National Community Development Awards (Plenary Session) **CM | 1.5**

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

Moderator: Vicki Watson, NCDCA Executive Director

City of Florence, AL

Florence First

Presenter: Lyndsey Borden, Assistant Director of Community Development

City of Miami, FL

Tuscany Cove

Presenter: Christine Bermudez, Public Information Officer, Department of Housing & Community Development

Pasco County, FL

Rosalie Rendu Residences

Presenter: Marcy Esbjerg, Director of Community Development

City of Las Vegas, NV

Recuperative Care Center

Presenter:

Dr. Lisa Morris Hibbler, Chief Community Services Officer

City of Canton, OH

Promotion of Education Employment Project

Presenter: Terrence Jones, CEO, Simply Youth

City of Dallas, TX

Palladium Redbird Multifamily Housing

Presenters:

Kyle Hines, Assistant Director, Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization

Shanee Weston, Outreach Specialist, Budget & Management Services

City of Tulas, OK

Project Oasis

Presenter: Gary Hamer, Grants and Capital Planning Manager

4:30 pm ET

Conference Adjournment