



## ***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

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12:15 pm – 2:15 pm

### **Federal Policy Update: CARES Act and Recovery Programs (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, Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program, and the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund final rule.

Moderator: Vicki Watson, NCDCA Executive Director

#### 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)
- Jennifer Schwartz, Director of Tax and Housing Advocacy, National Council of State Housing Finance Agencies, Washington, DC

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.

Moderator: Vicki Watson, NCDCA Executive Director

#### 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.

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

### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

#### **Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

A panel of grantees will outline their planning and program design initiatives to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in their program outcomes.

#### **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.

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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.

Moderator: Vicki Watson, NCDAs Executive Director

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.

Moderator: Vicki Watson, NCDAs Executive Director

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, NCDAs Trainer, 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.

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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: 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

**HUD Remote Monitoring of Grant Programs (Plenary Session)**

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

**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.

Panelists

Vicki Watson, NCDA Executive Director  
Marcy Esbjerg, Community Development Director, Pasco County, FL (invited)

11:50 am to 12:50 pm

**Legislative Roundtable Discussion (Plenary Session)**

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

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Panelists

- Doug Disrud, Minority Clerk, Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, U.S. House of Representatives (invited)
- Nora Blalock, Legislative Director, Office of Rep. David Price (D-NC), U.S. House of Representatives (invited)
- Chris Sweet, Legislative Director, Office of Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL), U.S. House of Representatives (invited)

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.