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National Community Development Association Kicks off Membership Week

Washington, D.C. – Today, the [National Community Development Association \(NCDA\)](#), a membership-based organization representing local government agencies that administer the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and other HUD Office of Community Planning and Development programs, kicked off their Membership Week, which will run from September 16th – 20th.

“NCDA’s greatest strength is our members, and we hope that local government agencies will be a part of our continued growth by joining NCDA during Membership Week,” said **Vicki Watson, Executive Director of NCDA**. “As a leading advocacy and training organization, we offer our members the opportunity to develop and expand program knowledge, improve program operations, engage with other practitioners, and provide opportunities for career advancement through professional networking, training, and online resources. We hope you’ll join us.” said **Vicki Watson, Executive Director of NCDA**.

NCDA members receive access to an array of in-person and virtual courses, trainings, and conferences where attendees can learn more about managing and implementing government programs like CDBG.

NCDA members also receive additional benefits, including:

- **A Voice in Washington, DC:** Unparalleled advocacy for program funding and program enhancement. NCDA’s advocacy work helps protect annual funding for CDBG, HOME, and HUD’s homeless assistance grants.
- **Washington Report:** A monthly newsletter to keep you updated on important Congressional and HUD program news.
- **Email alerts on program and policy updates:** Up to the minute news on the federal budget and CDBG and HOME.

- **Access to the NCDA Member Forum:** An online platform for members to share program knowledge and ideas.
- **Access to the NCDA Jobs Board:** A repository of available community development and affordable housing positions throughout the country. Members can also post available positions.
- **Online Document Archives:** Post and share program documents with your NCDA peers.
- **Free member webinars:** On emerging topics of importance to program operations.

Members who join during Membership Week receive 25% off the current annual membership rate. Additionally, NCDA membership dues are an eligible CDBG administrative expense.

For more information on membership enrollment, please contact Vicki Watson, NCDA Executive Director, at vwatson@ncdaonline.org

About the National Community Development Association

The National Community Development Association (NCDA) is a non-partisan national nonprofit association comprised of more than 500 local governments across the country that administer federally – supported community development, affordable housing, and economic development programs through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). NCDA members administer HUD Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs – CDBG, HOME, Homeless Assistance Grants, and HOPWA. Since 1969, NCDA has been at the forefront in securing federal resources and designing effective and responsive housing and community development programs for local governments.

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