



## DRAFT AGENDA

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### **2025 NCDAA Winter Legislative, Policy, and Professional Development Meeting Washington, DC – February 5 - 7, 2025 Pre-Conference Training: February 4, 2025 Draft Agenda**

#### **#NCDAA2025DC**

*NCDAA members are encouraged to schedule Congressional visits during the conference to educate Congress on the importance of CDBG and HOME, how the funds are being used back home, and the need for more funding. There are several allotted times on the agenda for meeting with your Congressional members. These meetings are not mandatory but are encouraged. Please arrange the meetings in advance with your Congressional offices. We encourage you to band together with other grantees in your state or region to meet with Congressional offices.*



Note to NCDAA Members who are **AICP** credentialed: NCDAA has been approved as an **AICP Certification Maintenance (CM) provider**. Some of the sessions below are qualified CM events. These events will be marked with the following symbol (where the number equals the number of CM credits): **CM | 6**. *To receive CM credit, you must sign in and remain for the entire session.*

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – Pre-Conference Training**

8:00 am – 9:00 am: **Pre-Conference Training Check-In – L’Enfant Ballroom Foyer**

9:00 am – 4:00 pm: **Preconference Training**

#### **IDIS Primer - CM | 6.0**

This course provides an overview of IDIS for CDBG grantees and HOME participating jurisdictions. It briefly covers the Consolidated/Annual Plans, CAPER report, and receipting/drawing funds. It will also touch on how to address problems that arise throughout the year. Most importantly, it helps communities understand how to tie the electronic environment of IDIS to program files, public meetings, and beneficiaries. This course is appropriate for anyone who works with IDIS.

### HOME Basics Program Primer - CM I 6.0

If you are new to the HOME Program, with less than one year of experience, this Primer will serve as a prerequisite to the intensive, online HOME Basics Course. The Primer will provide a basic but comprehensive overview of the HOME program including regulations, eligible activities, general program requirements and administration.

### CDBG Basics Primer - CM I 6.0

This training covers the fundamentals of CDBG including national objectives and eligible activities, eligible costs and regulations, limitations on expenditures, program administration, financial management, monitoring, crosscutting Federal requirements overview, conflict of interest, and resources.

### Subrecipient Management Primer - CM I 6.0

Primer focuses on subrecipients engaged in delivering public service activities. The management and oversight principles are applicable for all Consolidated Plan programs subrecipient activities. The course follows the CDBG subrecipient management process linearly, starting with establishing priorities in the Consolidated Plan and concluding with HUD's role in overseeing the grantee's relationship with its subrecipients.

1:30 pm – 1:45 pm                      Break – **Solarium**

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm                      **Hill Visits**  
*Please arrange the visits ahead of time with your Congressional offices.*

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm                      **Conference Early Registration – L'Enfant Ballroom Foyer**

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

8:00 am – 9:00 am                      **Breakfast - L'Enfant Ballroom Foyer**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm                      **Registration/Information Desk - L'Enfant Ballroom Foyer**

9:00 am – 9:15 am                      **Conference Welcome**  
Marcy Esbjerg (Pasco County, FL), NCD A President  
Vicki Watson, NCD A Executive Director

9:15 am – 9:30 am                      **Presentation of the NCD A Congressional Champion Award – L'Enfant Ballroom**  
This award recognizes members of Congress who have prominently championed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

- 2025 Award Recipient: Congressman Jim McGovern (D-MA-02)

9:30 am – 10:15 am                      **Plenary Session: Legislative Update - L'Enfant Ballroom**  
This session will outline NCD A's 2025 legislative priorities and offer insight on Congressional action.

10:15 am – 10:30 am                      Break - **L'Enfant Ballroom**

10:30 am – 11:30 am                      **Concurrent Sessions**

**CDBG Program Administration- Best Practices for Small-Medium Entitlements *L'Enfant Ballroom***

**Rental Assistance Programs using CDBG, HOME, ESG or local funds, -*Gallery Ballrooms I & II***

**Round Table Discussions – *Gallery Ballrooms III & IV***

These round table discussions will be facilitated by an NCDCA member who is experienced in the topic. Round tables will be less of a presentation style and more questions and discussions for attendees. Topics may or may not be repeated.

- CDBG Track
- New Director Track
- Housing Track
- Management/Leadership Track
- Homelessness Track
- Cross-Cutting Requirement Track

11:30 pm – 2:00 pm

**Hill Visits/Lunch on Your Own**

*Please arrange the visits ahead of time with your Congressional offices.*

2:00 pm – 3:30pm  
**Ballroom**

**Plenary Session: Program Updates from HUD HQ Staff, - [CM I 1.5](#) - *L'Enfant***

This not to be missed session will provide important HUD program updates on CDBG, HOME, ESG, Continuum of Care, Lead Based Paint, and HUD program areas.

Moderator: Vicki Watson, NCDCA Executive Director

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

**Break – *Gallery and L'Enfant Foyers***

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

**Concurrent Sessions**

**Incorporating Ethical Conduct in Administering Federal Grant Program, - [CM I 1.0](#) - *L'Enfant Ballroom***

This session will provide an overview of some key requirements and practices related to ethical management of the CDBG program.

Speakers: HUD staff

**HOME is Where the Heart Is - *Gallery Ballrooms I & II***

Join NCDCA member communities as they discuss how they use their HOME funds to help low- and moderate-income families achieve their dream of homeownership.

**Round Table Discussions, - *Gallery Ballrooms III & IV***

- CDBG Track
- New Director Track
- Housing Track

Management/Leadership Track  
Homelessness Track  
Cross-Cutting Requirement Track

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

- 8:00 am -9:00 am      **Breakfast – L’Enfant Ballroom Foyer**
- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm      **Registration/Information Desk - L’Enfant Ballroom Foyer**
- 9:00 am – 10:00am      **Plenary Session Entitlement Be Nimble, Entitlement Be Quick - L’Enfant Ballroom**  
Since 2020, our communities have been faced with a worldwide pandemic, disasters such as wildfires, floods, tornadoes and hurricanes, and even buildings collapsing before our very eyes. While we typically plan our programs and projects for 5 years or at least one year out, learn how some members create flexibility to pivot when disaster strikes.
- 10:00 am -10:15 am      **Break – L’Enfant Foyer**
- 10:15 am – 11:30 am      **Plenary Session: - - L’Enfant Ballroom**
- 11:30 pm – 2:30 pm      **Hill Visits/Lunch on Your Own**  
*Please arrange the visits ahead of time with your Congressional offices. These visits are not mandatory.*
- 11:45 pm – 2:00 pm      **Board of Directors Luncheon Meeting - Archives**
- 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm      **Concurrent Sessions**  
**NIMBYISM - How NCDAs Members Overcome Objections, - CM I 1.0 - L’Enfant Ballroom**  
**Environmental Reviews - Gallery Ballrooms I & II**  
**Round Tables - Gallery Ballrooms III & IV**  
CDBG Track  
New Director Track  
Housing Track  
Management/Leadership Track  
Homelessness Track  
Cross-Cutting Requirement Track
- 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm      **Break – Gallery and L’Enfant Foyers**
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm      **Regional Caucus Meetings (Open to All Conference Participants)**  
**L’Enfant Ballroom**  
Region I (New England)  
Region II (NY/NJ)

Region III & IV (Mid-Atlantic/Southeast)

***Gallery Ballrooms I & II***

Region V (Midwest)

Region VI (Southwest)

Region VII/VIII (Great Plains)

***Gallery Ballrooms III & IV***

Region IX (Pacific)

Region X (Northwest)

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

**Conference Reception – L’Enfant Ballroom**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Registration/Information – L-Enfant Ballroom Foyer**

8:00 am – 9:00 am

**Breakfast – L’Enfant Ballroom Foyer**

9:00 am – 10:00 am

**Concurrent Sessions**

**Social Media – Friend or Foe to Your Programs- - *L’Enfant Ballroom***

**Managing Multi-Year CDBG Projects for Your Community, - - *Gallery Ballrooms I & II***

**Round Table Discussion- - *Gallery Ballrooms III & IV***

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Break - **L-Enfant Ballroom Foyer**

10:15 am – 11:15 am

**Concurrent Sessions**

**Policies to Increase Affordable Housing in Your Community - *L’Enfant Ballroom***

**CDBG Final Rule - HUD- *Gallery Ballrooms I & II***

HUD hopes to release the final CDBG program rule by the end of 2024. Learn what’s in the final rule, including new program commitment and expenditure standards.

**Round Table Discussion- - *Gallery Ballrooms III & IV***

11:15 am – 11:30 am

Break – ***Gallery Ballroom Foyer***

11:30 am – 1:00: pm

**Plenary Session: Community Development Best Practices – *Gallery Ballroom***

Winners of the 2025 Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Award will present their outstanding community development projects.

Moderator: Vicki Watson

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**Awards Luncheon – *L'Enfant Ballroom***

**Luncheon Guest Speaker**

2025 NCDA Audrey Nelson Community Development Award Winners