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National Community Development Association (NCDA) Recognizes 2024 Winners of Audrey Nelson Community Development Awards, NCDA Service Award, and NCDA Member Awards

Washington, D.C. – Last week, the [National Community Development Association \(NCDA\)](#) recognized seven U.S. cities, a former U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) director, and two NCDA members with awards for their 2024 work during a luncheon at NCDA's Winter Legislative, Policy, and Professional Development Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Seven local governments were honored with the **Audrey Nelson Community Development Award** for their innovative new community development projects – including a wellness home for the uninsured, a 16.2-acre community park, a shared incubator kitchen space, and a multifamily affordable housing community for the Deaf community.

The **NCDA Service Award** was presented to Paul Webster, former director of the Financial Management Division for HUD's Office of Block Grant Assistance, for his 52-year career at HUD providing financial expertise to communities on the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program which is used by NCDA members to create larger scale economic and community development projects.



Paul Webster receives NCDA Service Award at NCDA's 2025 Winter Meeting on February 7

NCDCA Member Service Awards went to David Bachrach, community development director for East Providence, Rhode Island, and Joanne Longoria, community development director for Mission, Texas. Bachrach and Longoria have served their communities for decades and have been longtime members of the NCDCA Board of Directors. Bachrach is the NCDCA board's vice-president and Longoria served as treasurer for the NCDCA Region VI for many years.



David Bachrach receives NCDCA Member Service Award at NCDCA's 2025 Winter Meeting on February 7

“On behalf of the NCDCA, we're honored to present these awards to these 10 individuals and local governments for their impactful community development, affordable housing, and economic development services and programs,” said **Vicki Watson, executive director of NCDCA.**

The seven winners of the **Audrey Nelson Community Development Award** for 2024 were:

- City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama-- Project: Springer Estates Infrastructure and Development of Affordable Housing
- City of Detroit, Michigan -- Project: The Detroit Food Commons
- Pasco County, Florida – Project: Lake Lisa Community Park
- City of Orlando, Florida – Project: Grace Wellness Home
- Columbus (Georgia) Consolidated Government – Project: Food Mill Shared Kitchen
- City of Albuquerque, New Mexico – Project: PAH! Hiland Plaza
- City of Las Cruces, New Mexico – Project: Casa de Peregrinos Food Pantry

About the National Community Development Association

The National Community Development Association (NCDCA) 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). NCDCA members administer HUD Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs – CDBG, HOME, Homeless Assistance Grants, and HOPWA. Since 1969, NCDCA has been at the forefront in securing federal resources and designing effective and responsive housing and community development programs for local governments. <https://ncdaonline.org/>

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