



**2027 NCD A Winter Legislative, Policy, and Professional
Development Meeting
Washington, DC – February 10-12, 2027
Pre-Conference Training: February 9, 2027**

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DRAFT AGENDA (subject to change)

NCD A members are encouraged to schedule Congressional visits during the conference to highlight the value of CDBG and HOME programs, share how these funds are being used in their communities, and advocate for increased funding. The agenda includes several designated times for meetings with Congressional offices. Participation is strongly encouraged but not required. Please arrange visits in advance with your Congressional offices – [U.S. Senate](#) and [U.S. House of Representatives](#). Participation is encouraged but not required. Please complete [this survey](#) if you are a new or solo conference registrant interested in joining other attendees for Hill visits, or if you are planning visits and are open to coordinating with others.



Note to NCD A Members who are **AICP** credentialled: NCD A 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 9 – 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

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.

CDBG Basics Primer

This course is a prerequisite for the comprehensive CDBG Basics Course.

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.

Financial Management

Learn about the federal grants management requirements under 2 CFR Part 200.

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Hill Visits

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3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Conference Early Registration – L’Enfant Ballroom Foyer

WEDNESDAY, February 10

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast – L’Enfant Ballroom Foyer

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Registration/Information- L’Enfant Ballroom Foyer

9:00 am – 9:15 am

Conference Welcome

Kevin Howard (Little Rock, AR), NCDA President

Vicki Watson, NCDA Executive Director

9:15 am – 9:30 am

NCDA Congressional Champion Award – L’Enfant Ballroom

This award recognizes members of Congress who have prominently championed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

9:30 am – 10:30 am

Washington Update

Congressional staff and key stakeholders will provide timely legislative updates and share insights on federal policy developments affecting community development

programs.

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Break - Solarium

10:45 am – 11:45 pm

Concurrent Sessions

**Making the Most of Your Allocation: Administrative versus Activity Delivery Costs
HOME Final Rule**

Round Table Discussions – Gallery Ballrooms III & IV

- Large Entitlements Receiving more than \$5 Million in CDBG
- Medium Entitlements Receiving \$1 M - \$5M in CDBG
- Small Entitlements Receiving Less Than \$1 M in CDBG
- Management Roundtable: Managing Staff Turnover
- Cross-cutting Requirement Roundtable: Section 3 Monitoring Compliance

11:45 am – 1:45 pm

Hill Visits/Lunch on Your Own

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1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

Concurrent Sessions

**Doing More (or Maintaining) with Less
Homeless Policies and Practices – Housing Focused, Treatment Focused**

Round Table Discussions – Gallery Ballrooms III & IV

- CDBG Timeliness Work Plans
- Working with your Municipal Departments
- CDBG and Code Enforcement
- Management Round Table: Team Building Activities
- Cross-Cutting Requirement Round Table: Certifying Officials for Environmental Reviews

2:45pm – 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions

**CDBG National Objectives and Eligible Activities
Building Community Partnerships**

Round Table Discussions – Gallery Ballrooms III & IV

- Citizen Participation Plans
- Down Payment Assistance and Other Homeownership Programs
- Outreach for Unsheltered Homeless Populations
- Management Roundtable: Dealing with Difficult Employees
- Cross-Cutting Requirement Roundtable: Fair Housing

4:15 pm – 5:30 pm

Regional Caucus Meetings (Open to All Conference Participants)

Region I (New England)

Region II (NY/NJ)

Region III (Mid-Atlantic)

Region IV (Southeast)

Region V (Midwest)

Region VI (Southwest)

Region VII/VIII/X (Great Plains/Northwest)

Region IX (Pacific)

THURSDAY, February 11

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast – L’Enfant Ballroom Foyer

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Registration/Information – L’Enfant Ballroom Foyer

9:00 am – 10:15 am

Plenary Session: 21st Century Road to Housing Act – CDBG and CDBG-DR Provisions

10:15 am – 10:30 am

Break - Solarium

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Concurrent Sessions

The Good, Bad, and Ugly of Managing Subrecipients

Food Insecurity Projects for Your Community

Round Table Discussions – Gallery Ballrooms III & IV

- Public Services Innovative Projects
- Public Facilities Innovative Projects
- Affordable Housing Innovative Projects

- Innovative Homeless Initiatives
- Management Round Table: Managing Up

11:45 am – 12:45 pm

Plenary Session: HUD Priorities for the Coming Year

Hear from HUD leadership about emerging CPD priorities, key policy updates, and what communities should anticipate in the year ahead.

12:45 pm – 2:30 pm

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12:45 pm – 2:30 pm

Board of Directors Luncheon Meeting

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Concurrent Sessions

Let's Talk about BABA (Build America, Buy America)

Preserving Your Community's Affordable Housing

Roundtable Discussions

- CDBG-Disaster Recovery
- Urban County Meet-Up
- Shared Housing Success Stories
- Using CDBG for Special Economic Development Activities
- Management Roundtable: Leading versus Managing

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Break

3:45 pm -4:30 pm

Concurrent Sessions

Using National Community Development Week to Inform Elected Officials

21st Century Road to Housing – HOME Program Provisions

Roundtable Discussions

- Program Income – Increase and Manage It
- CDBG Grant Close-Out Provisions
- CDBG Job Creation or Retention Activities
- Working with CHDOs

- Cross-Cutting Requirements: Davis Bacon

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Conference Reception – *L’Enfant Ballroom & Foyer*

FRIDAY, February 12

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Registration/Information – *L’Enfant Ballroom Foyer*

8:30 am - 9:00 am

Coffee/Snacks – *L’Enfant Ballroom Foyer*

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Plenary Session: Community Development Best Practices

Winners of the 2027 Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Award will present their outstanding community development and affordable housing projects.

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Awards Brunch – *L’Enfant Ballroom*