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NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Join Us at the 2024 NCD A Annual Conference in Cambridge, MA; Early Registration Ends April 12; Call for Presenters

The 55th NCD A Annual Conference will be held in beautiful Cambridge, MA, June 12-14. We invite you to join your community development peers from across the country for three days of learning and networking. Free pre-conference training on CDBG, HOME Underwriting, Consolidated Planning, and CDBG Housing Rehab will be provided for conference registrants on June 11.

The conference registration fee is \$675 for members **through April 12**. The rate will increase to \$725 after this date. Register four or more people for a 15% discount. Please reach out to Heather Johnson at hjohnson@ncdaonline.org if you have any questions regarding registration.

The draft conference agenda is available [here](#). The agenda will continue to be updated as we gather speakers.

NCDA has reserved a block of rooms at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at a special rate of \$309 per night plus tax. The deadline to make your hotel reservation is **May 10**.

What makes NCDA's conferences so great is the willingness of members to share their program knowledge and best practices. We welcome your participation in the following conference sessions. Participating as a speaker allows you to share your expertise, showcase your programs, and bring new ideas to the conference.

- Homeownership Activities with HOME
- Best Practices for Ending Homelessness
- Understanding Section 3
- CDBG Best Practices Working with Other City/County Departments
- Tips for a Successful Meeting with Congressional Members/Staff
- CDBG - Increasing Grantee and Subrecipient Capacity
- Best Practices to Preserve Affordable Housing
- Management - Leadership Styles That Work
- CAPER Tips and Tricks
- Best Practices for Engaging Your Citizens

- Increasing Affordable Housing in Your Community

Please contact Marcy Esbjerg at mesbjerg@ncdaonline.org if you are interested in participating in one of these sessions or if you have any questions about the conference agenda or hotel.



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**55th Annual Conference
Cambridge, MA
June 12-14, 2024
Pre-Conference Training: June 11**

Draft Agenda



Note to NCD A Members who are **AICP** credentialed: NCD A is an approved **AICP Certification Maintenance (CM)** provider. Eligible sessions are marked with the following symbol (where the number equals the number of CM credits):
CM | 1.5

TUESDAY, JUNE 11 | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (All Times Eastern)

Pre-Conference Training

Pre-Conference Training Registration: 8:00 am – 9:00 am ET

9:00 am – 4:00 pm ET

CDBG Basics Primer – CM | 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.

Trainer: John Callow, Murfreesboro, TN

HOME Underwriting – CM | 6.0 -

This training will focus on the HOME underwriting/subsidy layering requirements. The training is based upon the latest guidance from HUD on how to conduct underwriting and subsidy layering for homebuyer and rental development projects. At least 1 year of HOME program experience is recommended for this training.

Trainer: George Mensah, Miami, FL

Con Plan Primer – CM | 6.0 -

This training provides an overview of Consolidated Planning for CDBG grantees and HOME participating jurisdictions. It covers the Citizen Participation Plan, the public input consultation requirements, and the preparation of the plan. It will also touch on how to address equity and inclusion in the process. Most importantly, it will help communities understand their responsibilities regarding the use of Federal funds. The training is appropriate for anyone who works on preparing the Consolidated Plan/Annual Plans or who works with CDBG or HOME funding.

Trainer: Debra Rhinehart, Seattle, WA

CDBG Rehab Primer– CM | 6.0

This training will assist new and existing practitioners in enhancing their knowledge on how to start and effectively run a rehab program using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Also providing practitioners the Nuts and Bolts of the owner-occupied rehab program & acquisition rehabilitation program.

Trainer: Kevin Howard, Little Rock, AR

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University Event

Leveraging Data and Collaboration to Improve Neighborhoods

Harvard University's Bloomberg Center for Cities, will host an event open to NCDA conference attendees and Harvard affiliates. The event will be a panel format with presentations and discussions that combine the thematic area of neighborhood improvements with capacity development in data utilization and cross-boundary collaboration. The event will afford time for networking and can accommodate up to 82 pre-registered attendees. It will be telecast, and later available on YouTube, in partnership with Helix studios. Refreshments will be provided.

Conference Registration: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm ET

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm ET

Pre-Conference Networking Event- MIT

Dinner at the MIT's Student Center at 84 Mass Ave called the Mezzanine

There will be a panel format of speakers on cross cutting issues for CDBG and happy hour and dinner thereafter. This event will afford time for networking and can accommodate up to 200 pre-registered attendees.

Wednesday, JUNE 12 | 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

8:00 am – 5:00 pm ET

Conference Registration and Information

8:00 am – 8:45 am ET

Breakfast –

9:00 am – 9:15 am ET

Conference Welcome – Amesbury Ballroom

Vicki Watson, NCDAs Executive Director

Shirletta Best, NCDAs President

Yi-An Huang, City Manager City of Cambridge MA

E. Denise Simmons, The Honorable Mayor, Cambridge, MA

9:15 am – 9:45 am ET

What CDBG Has Done for Cambridge - Amesbury Ballroom

Speaker: Iram Farooq, Assistant City Manager for Community Development Cambridge, MA

Break

10:00 am – 11:45 am ET

HUD Federal Program Update (Plenary Session) – CM | 1.5

Hear the latest program updates on HUD’s Office of Community Planning and Development Programs – CDBG, CDBG-CV, HOME, HOME-ARP, Continuum of Care, ESG.

Moderator: Vicki Watson, NCDAs Executive Director

Speakers:

Karen DeBlasio, Division Director, Program Coordination and Analysis Division, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC

Virginia Sardone, Director, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC

11:30 am – 12:30 pm ET

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Reflections from a Partnership Approach Using Section 108

Homeownership Activities with HOME

Best Practices for Ending Homelessness

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm ET

Lunch on your own – Box lunches will be available to purchase in the hotel for your convenience

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm ET

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

CDBG Best Practices Working with other City/County Departments

Tips for a Successful Hill Visit (DC) with Elected Officials or Staff

Understanding Section 3

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm ET

Break

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm ET

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

CDBG - Increase Grantee and Subrecipient Capacity

Best Practices to Preserve Affordable Housing -

Management – Leadership Styles that Work

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm ET

Break

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm ET (all conference registrants are encouraged to attend)

NCDA Regional Caucus Meetings

- Region I (New England)
- Region II (NY/NJ)
- Region III & IV (Mid-Atlantic/Southeast)
- Region V (Midwest)
- Region VI (Southwest)
- Region VII/VIII (Great Plains)
- Region IX (Pacific)
- Region X (Northwest)

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Conference attendees can choose to attend a sporting event or a reception at a museum.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 | 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM

8:00 am – 5:00 pm ET

Conference Registration and Information

8:00 am – 8:45 am ET

Breakfast

8:55 am – 9:50 am ET

Plenary Session -50 Years of CDBG Transforming Communities -

Moderator: Vicki Watson, NCDA Executive Director

10:00 am – 11:00 am ET

Concurrent Sessions

CAPER Tips and Tricks

Best Practices for Engaging Your Citizens

Increasing Affordable Housing in Your Community

11:00 am – 11:15 am ET

Break

11:15 am – 12:00 pm ET

ROUND TABLES

As conference attendees gather in small groups around a specific topic, a seasoned NCDA member will facilitate the discussion in an open forum, allowing time to ask questions, share insights and network with other participants. These topics will be repeated the next day giving you an opportunity to choose another round table to attend.

- Are you a new Director? What to expect!
- Documenting National Objectives with CDBG
- Working with Your Continuum of Care
- Procurement Practices
- Job Creation Activities
- Replacement Housing
- Small Entitlements Under \$1 Million in CDBG
- Medium Entitlements Receiving \$1 M - \$5M in CDBG
- Large Entitlements Receiving Over \$5M in CDBG
- Miscellaneous Issues
- Becoming an NCDA Trainer – Facilitator, Heather Johnson, NCDA Training Coordinator

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm ET

Lunch on your own – hotel will provide boxed lunches to purchase

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm ET

Board of Directors Luncheon Meeting

1:40 pm – 1:55 pm ET

Board the Buses for the Projects Tour

1:55 pm – 4:45 pm ET

Local Projects Tour

Narrated bus tour of the innovative affordable housing and community development projects in Cambridge.

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm ET

NCDA Conference Reception at the hotel

FRIDAY, JUNE 14 | 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

8:00 am – 12:00 pm ET

Conference Registration and Information

8:00 am – 8:45 am ET

Breakfast

9:00 am – 10:00 am ET

ROUND TABLES – sessions are repeated

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

CDBG Limited Clientele Activities

Best Practices for Internal and External Monitoring

Management – Training and Professional Development for New and Seasoned Employees

11:45 am to 1:45 pm ET

Awards Luncheon and Business Meeting –

The winners of the John Sasso National Community Development Week Award and other award recipients will be recognized.

Emcee: Vicki Watson, NCDCA Executive Director

Guest Speaker: Claudia Monterossa, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs, Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD, Washington, DC

John Sasso National Community Development Award Winners

John Sasso Scholarship Award Recipients

NCDCA Service Award Recipients

Host City Award

City of Cambridge

President's Award

Shirletta Best, NCDCA President, McKinney, TX

NCDCA Annual Business Meeting

Presiding: Shirletta Best, NCDCA President

Election of 2024/2025 NCDCA Officers

- Debra Rhinehart, City of Seattle, Chair of the NCDCA Nominations and Elections Committee

Remarks: Shirletta Best, NCDCA President

Remarks: Marcy Esbjerg (incoming President)

Conference adjournment