

**National Community Development Association  
2009 Winter Legislative & Policy Meeting  
Washington, DC  
January 28 - 30, 2009  
Updated Agenda**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28**

**8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION**

**8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS STRATEGIC  
PLANNING SESSION**

This session is open to conference participants. The Board will discuss and decide upon a strategic plan for the Association.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

**1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT AND AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING PRACTITIONERS**

**Training Session 1: HOME Subsidy Layering**

This session will cover subsidy layering analysis in the HOME program to include cost analysis, source analysis, operating analysis, and consulting with other public lenders on project resources.

Trainer:

Scott Ledford, ICF Consulting

**Training Session 2: Environmental Review**

This session will provide guidance and information to grantees on conducting environmental reviews and outline when a NEPA environmental review is required, when federal funds can be committed to a project, limiting actions, excluded and exempt activities, tiering, and other issues surrounding the environmental review process. HUD officials will be on hand to answer your questions.

Panelists

Danielle Schopp, Environmental Specialist  
Office of Environment and Energy, U.S. Department  
of Housing and Urban Development

Joe Devlin, Environmental Attorney, Office of the  
General Counsel, U.S. Department of Housing and  
Urban Development

**Training Session 3: Continuum of Care**

This session will cover topics of interest from NCDA members on the Continuum of Care. HUD staff will provide an overview of current legislation being debated in Congress to reauthorize HUD's homeless assistance programs. Part of the session will be devoted to a roundtable discussion/question and answer session with top-level HUD officials on the Continuum of Care.

Panelists

Mark Johnston, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office  
of Special Needs, U.S. Department of Housing and  
Urban Development

Ann Oliva, Director, Office of Special Needs  
Assistance Programs, U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development

**3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

**3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**PLANNING AND PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEETING**

The subcommittee will review and discuss a proposal to develop an Advanced CDBG Course and will entertain ideas for conference sessions and training for the 2009 Annual Conference.

**5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29**

**8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

**HILL VISITS**

This is the opportunity for you to meet with your congressional members to advocate for CDBG, HOME, and other HUD programs. Please arrange the meeting in advance through your congressional member's office.

**11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION**

**10:15 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.**

**FORECLOSURE INITIATIVES**

This session will profile the work of the City of Boston in addressing foreclosures and the work of Fannie Mae in developing a bulk purchase program for public entities to purchase Fannie Mae REO properties.

Panelists:

Bob Gehret, Deputy Director, Department of Neighborhood Development, City of Boston, MA

Evelt M. Francis, Senior Business Development Manager, Community Development, Fannie Mae

**11:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

**1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**PLENARY SESSION:**

**HUD POLICY AND PROGRAM BRIEFING**

HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development will brief conference participants on HUD's policy and program direction for 2009. HUD staff will also brief participants on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, using CDBG and HOME funds for foreclosure assistance, and CDBG stimulus funding.

Panelists

Stan Gimont, Acting Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (invited)

Steve Johnson, Director, Entitlement Communities Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (invited)

Cliff Taffet, Director, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (invited)

**2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**PLENARY SESSION:**

**CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING**

Congressional staff will brief conference participants on legislation and budgetary concerns that could impact housing and community development programs in the 1st session of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, including economy recovery funding, additional

Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding, the appropriations process for FY09 and FY10, and authorizing legislation.

Panelists

Kara Stein, Counsel, Office of Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) (invited)

Cassandra Duhaney, Professional Staff, Committee on Financial Services, U.S. House of Representatives (invited)

Jonathan Harwitz, Professional Staff, Senate Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (invited)

**3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.**

**FEEDBACK SESSION WITH HUD STAFF ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP)**

Conference participants will have the opportunity to meet with HUD staff to discuss and pose questions regarding the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). If you have questions or issues regarding NSP, this is a must-attend session.

Steve Johnson, Director, Entitlement Communities Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**REGIONAL CAUCUS MEETINGS**

NCDA's regions will have the opportunity to caucus to discuss regional business.

**7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

**CONFERENCE RECEPTION**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30**

**8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION**

**8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**HILL VISITS**

More time for you to visit with your congressional members to advocate for CDBG and HOME.

**8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

## **HOUSING PROGRAM AND POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

**9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

**10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

### **TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

HUD staff will brief conference participants on the ongoing IDIS re-engineering project.

#### Panelists:

Robert (Bob) Brever, Director, Systems Development and Evaluation Division, Office of Technical Assistance and Management, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Seth Marcus, Branch Chief, Systems Development and Evaluation Division, Office of Technical Assistance and Management, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

### **AUDREY NELSON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS LUNCHEON**

The winners of the Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Awards will be recognized during the luncheon.

**1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

#### **Session 1: Total Grants Management System: Click Your Way Through On-line Grant Management**

Developed by the City of San Francisco, this system brings vital data to managers/policy makers, grant makers, service providers and beneficiaries, enabling everyone in the process to communicate effectively and work together more efficiently without the hassle of paper work and manual grants tracking. The Total Grants Management System (TGS) is a dynamic set of tools empowering grantees to successfully manage the CDBG program, and more. The system has been recognized as a best practice by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

#### Panelists

Adrienne Pon  
Executive Director  
Mayor's Office of Community Investment  
City of San Francisco, CA

Brian Cheu  
Deputy Director  
Mayor's Office of Community Investment  
City of San Francisco, CA

Alfred Cheung  
Director of Strategic Business Information and Technology  
Mayor's Office of Community Investment  
City of San Francisco, CA

#### **Session 2: Recruiting and Training New Employees to Work with Federal Programs**

This session will focus on the hiring, promoting, training and succession planning of local CDBG and HOME staff. Participants will learn tips from other jurisdictions for training staff in CDBG and HOME, parameters for hiring new staff, staff evaluation tools, and ideas for succession planning.

#### Panelists:

Stephen Gartrell, Associate Director for Housing and Community Development, City of Newton, MA

Scott Stevenson, Manager, Community Development Commission, Los Angeles County, CA

**2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

#### **Session 1: Economic Development**

This session will focus on programs and initiatives for job training and small business attraction and expansion.

#### Panelists:

Grady Hedgespeth, Director, Office of Financial Initiatives, Small Business Administration

Paul Webster, Director, Financial Management  
Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, U.S.  
Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Session 2: Working with the Local Press to  
Promote CDBG and HOME**

Learn how you can work with your local media  
outlets to bring attention to your programs and  
projects and promote CDBG and HOME.

**3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### Registration

To register, complete the adjacent form and send to:

**National Community Development Association  
(NCDA)  
522 21<sup>st</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 120  
Washington, D.C. 20006**

Registration must be paid for by check and payment should be made payable to NCDA. Should you need to cancel, please mail, fax (202-887-5546) or e-mail ([ncda@ncdaonline.org](mailto:ncda@ncdaonline.org)) your cancellation to NCDA by **January 9, 2009**. A cancellation fee of \$100 will be charged after this date.

### Conference Fees

Conference fee is: \$400 - Members

\$45  
0 - Non-  
members

*Group discounts are available. When two persons attend from any single community, each person receives a \$25 discount. When three or more persons attend, each person receives a \$50 discount.*

### Hotel Accommodations

NCDA has secured a block of rooms at The Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel, 415 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., where the conference will be held. The hotel will hold this block exclusively for conference registrants through **January 6, 2009**. Reservations received after this date will be based on room availability at the best available rate offered by the Hotel. **Please book early!**

To make your reservation at The Liaison Hotel, call 1-866-AFFINIA (866-233-4642). Be sure to mention Reservation ID: NCDA to receive this

special rate: \$185 plus tax for single or double occupancy.

## 2009 NCDA WINTER LEGISLATIVE & POLICY MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

*NCDA General Registration Fee*  
**Members: \$400**  
**Non-Members: \$450**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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