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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NCD A Membership  
**FROM:** NCD A Board of Directors  
**RE:** FY 2001 Legislative and Regulatory Priorities  
**DATE:** January 31, 2001

The following, based on the Community Development and Housing Committees recommendation, is the list of legislative and regulatory priorities the Board of Directors approved, at its meeting on January 18, 2001, for the Association to address in the upcoming year.

### LEGISLATIVE

1. **Increasing CDBG and HOME funding:** \$6 Billion in CDBG and \$2 Billion in HOME.
2. **Increasing Homeless Assistance programs funding:** \$1.2 Billion.
3. **Consolidating HUD's McKinney Act programs into a formula-allocated block grant.**
4. **Permanently transfer the Shelter Plus Care (SPC) renewals into the Section 8 account line, or create a permanent, separate account fund SPC renewals.**
5. **A Separate Funding Source for Lead-based Paint Removal Costs.** CDBG and HOME cannot absorb these costs alone. A dedicated funding source, that is block granted with a formula similar to CDBG or HOME is needed for this activity.
6. **A Housing Production Program.** Funding for any new housing production program should go through the HOME program, with a distribution method based on the need for new housing. HOME funding should be increased by at least \$2 billion for the production program and allow states and local governments the flexibility to determine what level of housing production meets their affordable housing needs.
7. **Work with Congress and HUD to make member-recommended statutory and regulatory changes to the HOME program.**
  - Increase HOME administration fees or allow participating jurisdictions to re-use HOME program income funds for administration costs.
  - Streamline HOME Program Income and Rent limits.

8. **Support a statutory amendment to the CDBG program that requires technical assistance funds similar to what is required under the HOME program.** Dedicate a level of funding for technical assistance for both the field offices and for the broader non-profit community. Training and re-training community development practitioners is the only way to ensure that the program remains viable and effective.

## **REGULATORY**

1. **Support Improvements to the Existing Lead-based Paint Rule.**

- NCDA shall work with HUD and other associations to make the implementation of this rule more efficient and therefore more effective based on member recommendations. Proposed changes to the rule shall include; require lead-based paint abatement only in units where children under the age of six reside, exemption where only an elderly persons reside, and raise the emergency threshold for lead-based paint abatement to \$10,000 per unit.
- NCDA will advocate for more funding for grantees to implement this rule.
- NCDA will work with HUD to ensure that training needs are met to implement the rule.
- NCDA will work with its members and other associations to collect resource information to make implementation of the rule effective and efficient. (i.e. list of certified contractors, financial resources, local lead-based paint program information, state lead program information, etc.)

2. **Establish a subcommittee to re-evaluate the CDBG formula.** With the new census numbers coming on line NCDA must be at the forefront in re-evaluating the CDBG formula in the event that Congress recommends changes. NCDA staff will work with HUD staff and outside statisticians to provide the sub-committee with information on suggested formula factors based on the new census counts. The sub-committee shall be made up of selected communities, but not more that 12 cities that fit the following criteria:

- Cities that use Formula A;
- Cities that use Formula B;
- Regional Representation; and
- Large and Small Cities.