

NCDA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

2005 Legislative and Regulatory Priorities

I. APPROPRIATIONS

- The Community Development Committee seeks a *minimum* of \$4.350 billion in *formula funding* for CDBG in FY06, exclusive of any set-asides within the program. The Committee supports fully funding the formula grants *before* set-asides. The Committee will re-evaluate whether or not to publicly oppose some of the set-asides within the program once the FY06 budget has been released.
- The Committee supports the continuation of the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program at its current funding level of \$7 million in administrative costs and at least \$275 million in loan guarantees.
- The Committee supports \$25 million for the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) in FY06.

II. LEGISLATIVE

- The Committee recommends the continued advocacy for CDBG Technical Assistance as a statutory requirement with a minimum annual allocation of 1% of the total CDBG allocation.
- The Committee recommends that in reviewing the CDBG formula, that serious consideration be given to an analysis of the 70/30 split between the entitlement amount and the state/small cities amount, and/or a minimum population threshold or minimum dollar award for new entitlement communities.

III. REGULATORY

- **Statement on the Support of the Current Regulations Regarding CRA Requirements.** The Community Development Committee does not support a proposed rule to raise the \$250 million asset threshold for banks considered “small” under the CRA regulations to \$500 million. The Committee also does not support the Office of Thrift Supervision’s effort to reduce lending, investment, and banking services in low- and moderate-income communities.
- **Consolidated Plan Proposed Rule.** The Community Development Committee will work with NCDA staff to submit final comments to HUD on the proposed rule.