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**National Community Development Week is Underway; Submit Your John Sasso CD Week Award Applications by April 30, 2010**

NCDA is happy to recognize April 4-10, 2010 as National Community Development Week. To all of the communities celebrating National CD Week, we say thank you. We know this is a busy time for CDBG grantees – and all HUD grantees in general – but we urge you to take the time to celebrate the CDBG program through at least one activity during this special week. The activity can be as simple as a letter to your congressional delegation outlining the CDBG projects in your community. We need to continue to recognize and bring attention to the program and CD Week was developed for that very purpose. It was not long ago that the Bush Administration proposed eliminating the program altogether. It was because of the CDBG Coalition, established by NCDA and other interest groups, and the recognition of CDBG during National CD Week that helped keep the program intact. Although funding was reduced to the program, we have slowly been able to increase CDBG allocations again. We can only continue to make strides in support for the program through bringing attention to the effectiveness of the program and the monumental difference it makes in the lives of low- and moderate-income persons. In the coming year, NCDA will focus heavily on CD Week 2011, so we urge you to start gearing up for next year’s CD Week, scheduled for April 24-30, 2011.

During a special ceremony on Friday, April 2, 2010, Assistant HUD Secretary for Community Planning and Development, Mercedes Marquez, presented Cardell Cooper, NCDA's Executive Director, with a proclamation officially recognizing April 4-10, 2010, as National Community Development Week. The proclamation affirms the Administration's commitment to CDBG and recognizes the importance of the program in "addressing critical social, economic, affordable housing, and community development problems in our communities." A copy of the proclamation is attached for members' use in their CD Week activities and to post to their local government's website.

In recognition of CD Week, NCDA is accepting nominations for its 2010 John A. Sasso CD Week Awards. This award recognizes communities that exemplify the spirit of the CDBG program by showcasing exceptional activities during the 2010 National Community Development Week, April 4-10, 2010. To be eligible for consideration, communities must be a member of NCDA and must provide an essay of 1,000 words or less describing their activities and events undertaken as part of its 2010 National Community Development Week celebration. Information on the award is attached. Award submissions are due to NCDA by April 30, 2010.

### **Chairman Frank Introduces Preservation Bill**

Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, introduced H.R. 4868 – the Housing Preservation and Tenant Protection Act of 2010 – on March 17, 2010. The intent of the bill is to preserve affordable housing subsidized by HUD and prevent the displacement of low-income tenants, many of whom are elderly or disabled. According to HUD, over 1.7 million rental units in over 23,000 privately-owned, multifamily properties have been subsidized to make the rents affordable to low-income persons. Over the next 10 years, the HUD-subsidized mortgage on many of these projects will mature and the low-income affordability restrictions attached to the property will terminate, allowing the owner to sell the property or charge tenants higher rents. "If we don't act we will have a diminution in affordable rental housing units. Their preservation should be of the highest priority because it's less expensive, it minimizes disruption in tenants' lives, and you don't run into the issue of where to locate new units," said Chairman Frank.

H.R. 4868 would keep the properties available and affordable to low-income residents by doing the following:

- Establishes a voluntary Preservation Exchange Program to encourage owners to sell properties to purchasers who will keep the housing affordable.
- Provide funds to for-profit and non-profit housing sponsors to help them purchase properties.
- Establishes a federal right of first refusal that provides HUD with an opportunity to purchase a property from an owner who wants to sell their property.
- Allows owners to request project-based rental assistance to help preserve the long-term affordability of the project, assist with capital for rehabilitation, and ensure that tenants

are not displaced.

- Allows owners to receive budget-based rent increases to ensure the properties are properly maintained and to encourage owners to renew Section 8 contracts.
- Ensures that all low- and moderate-income tenants are eligible for enhanced vouchers in the event the assisted housing is converted to market-rate housing.
- Includes notification requirements to ensure that tenants are given sufficient notice prior to the conversion of the property to market rate housing.
- Gives HUD and affordable housing groups the tools needed to recapitalize the aging Section 202 elderly housing portfolio.
- Directs HUD to establish a nationwide public database of HUD assisted properties to monitor and preserve the existing portfolio of affordable housing.

The House Financial Services Committee held a hearing on the bill on March 24. The Senate has not introduced a companion bill.

### **NCDA is Working with Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-NY) to Restructure H.R. 1270 to Move Fair Housing Provision Forward**

In March 2009, NCDA worked with Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-NY) to introduce H.R. 1270 – The Affordable Housing and Community Development Act of 2009. The bill would make four important changes to the CDBG Program: (1) Authorize \$8 billion for CDBG annually; (2) Authorize \$5 million annually for CDBG technical assistance; (3) create an inflation index to the program; and (4) allow fair housing costs to be funded out of program delivery costs.

In an effort to move the most critical provision of the bill – the fair housing provision – NCDA is working with Rep. Clarke to reintroduce the bill with just that provision. We have also asked her to include a provision asking the General Accountability Office to conduct a study on the number of jobs/economic impact of CDBG. This data will help in our efforts to increase funding for the program. After much discussion with various congressional offices, it is clear the bill will not move in its present state with the other provisions. Congressional authorization staff are cautious about supporting any bill that has a funding request attached to it. Instead, they would rather leave funding decisions to the appropriators. So for that reason the remaining three provisions will need to be stripped.

The fair housing provision will allow CDBG grantees to keep more of their administrative funds by allowing fair housing costs to be funded out of program delivery costs.

### **SAFE Mortgage Licensing Act**

The Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act (SAFE Act) was enacted by Congress on July 30, 2008 as part of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HR 3221), the same legislation that created the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The SAFE Act is designed to enhance consumer protection and reduce fraud by encouraging States to establish

minimum standards for the licensing and registration of mortgage loan originators. The Act requires states to have licensing and registration systems in place before July 31, 2010 that include:

- criminal history and credit background checks
- pre-licensing education
- pre-licensing testing
- continuing education
- net worth, surety bond or recovery fund

States must license mortgage loan originators through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry (NMLSR) maintained by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS) and the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators (AARMR). According to the NMLSR:

- over 13,000 mortgage companies and 87,000 mortgage loan originators have been registered through NMLS
- over 6,400 individuals have taken the test
- there are 172 NMLS-approved course providers offering 360 NMLS approved courses and over 108,000 classroom hours of approved education have been taken by individuals
- on January 25, 2010, NMLS launched NMLS Consumer Access (<http://www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org>), a website that provides consumers, free of charge, with basic information concerning state licensed mortgage companies, branches and mortgage loan originators

Under the act, the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and the American Association of Residential State Bank Supervisors were charged with creating a model state law designed to assist and facilitate states to enact legislation on mortgage loan originator licensing that complies with the SAFE Act. It is important to note that the SAFE Act's licensing and registration standards for mortgage loan originators are *minimum* standards. States can, and have, enacted legislation that exceeds the minimum standards of the SAFE Act. However, some states have overstepped the boundaries of the law by including local government agencies which provide mortgage assistance under CDBG and HOME as mortgage loan originators.

HUD is responsible for enforcing the SAFE Act's standards. In a letter to HUD on February 24, 2010, the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and the American Association of Residential State Bank Supervisors commented that they "believe that the SAFE Act requirements *do not* apply to federal, state and local government employees who perform the activities of a mortgage loan originator as part of their official duties. Such individuals operate in a non-commercial context, and state regulators are aware of legal precedent that indicates that in common usage, the term "person" does not include the sovereign, and statutes employing the word are ordinarily construed to exclude it. This would apply to the SAFE Act's use of the word "individual" in section 1504(a)." The letter can be found at <http://mortgage.nationwidelicensingsystem.org/SAFE/NMLS%20Document%20Library/CSBS-AARMR%20Comment%20Letter%20to%20HUD.pdf>

NCDA is drafting a letter to HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development to reiterate this point.

## **HUD Secretary Testifies Before Congress**

### *March 11 Hearing on HUD's FY 2011 Budget*

On March 11, Secretary Shaun Donovan testified before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development on the FY11 HUD Budget. The Secretary sought support for HUD's FY 2011 budget priorities: (1) transforming HUD's Rental Assistance Programs; (2) expanding homelessness assistance; (3) modernizing section 202 and section 811; and (4) CDBG, among others.

### Transforming Rental Assistance (TRA)

HUD currently provides deep rental assistance to more than 4.6 million households through thirteen different programs, each with its own rules, administered by three separate divisions within HUD. To consolidate and streamline the programs, HUD intends to launch a multi-year effort called the Transforming Rental Assistance (TRA) initiative that will (1) move the programs toward a single set of rules and regulations; (2) move to a federal operating subsidy that leverages capital from other sources; (3) bring private market capital to the rental programs; and (4) encourage resident choice and mobility. HUD plans to launch the first phase of TRA in FY 2011. HUD will use \$300 million to offer PHAs and private owners the option of converting to long-term, market-based, project-based rental assistance. The TRA funds will be used to fill the gap between the project operating subsidies and the first-year cost of the new contracts. Another \$50 million will be used to encourage owners to participate in the housing voucher program in order to promote mobility. According to Donovan, HUD plans to submit legislation to Congress this spring to authorize this first phase of TRA.

### Expanding Homelessness Assistance

The HUD budget requests \$85 million in FY 2011 for voucher assistance for a new Housing and Services for Homeless Persons Demonstration with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Education (DOE). Vouchers will be targeted to single,

childless homeless adults who are enrolled in Medicaid. The vouchers will be combined with health and other supportive services to move and maintain up to 4,000 chronically homeless individuals with mental and substance disorders into permanent supportive housing. HHS is requesting \$16 million in its FY 2011 budget to provide services for this population through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Under a second initiative, HUD will make available 6,000 Section 8 Housing Vouchers on a competitive basis through a jointly designed competition with HHS and DOE to assist homeless families and families at risk of homelessness.

#### Modernize Section 202 and Section 811

HUD proposes suspending capital funding under both programs in FY11 and begin modernizing the programs by: (1) streamlining the development process to ensure quicker development of units; (2) work with HHS to facilitate supportive services to projects; (3) encourage leveraging of other funding sources, such as low-income housing tax credits; (4) raise qualification threshold requirements for project sponsors; and (5) integrating section 811 projects with larger mixed-finance, mixed-use projects.

Chairperson Murray, along with Senator Bond (R-MO), ranking member of the subcommittee, and Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) expressed their deep disappointment in HUD's decision to strip capital funding from Section 202 and Section 811 while legislation to reform both programs is pending.

#### Support and Improve CDBG

HUD's FY 2011 budget provides \$4.380 billion for the Community Development Fund. The FY11 HUD budget would provide \$3.99 billion to CDBG formula grants to State and local governments. The budget calls for revamping the consolidated plans and developing better performance metrics for the program. HUD hopes to create a task force this year to begin work on these areas.

HUD is requesting \$150 million for the second year of the Sustainable Communities initiative. HUD hopes to have the FY10 NOFA released this spring. NCDA provided comments on the pre-NOFA released by HUD in February (see article in this newsletter). Besides the \$150 million for the Sustainable Communities initiative, HUD is requesting \$150 million for the Catalytic Investment Competition. The competition would provide gap financing for high impact economic development projects that create jobs. Applicants will be required to leverage funding sources, including CDBG formula grants and Section 108 loan guarantees.

#### *March 17 Hearing on the Authorization of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative*

Secretary Donovan testified before the House Financial Services Committee on March 17, 2010, on the authorization of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative. The Secretary told the Committee that the initiative expands upon the HOPE VI program by allowing for redevelopment of private and federally-assisted properties alongside public housing. "This means that the disinvestment of

private and assisted housing that frustrated cities and housing authorities and fostered crime and blight can now be included in comprehensive neighborhood revitalization efforts,” he told the Committee. To build on these efforts, the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative expands the field of community leaders who can lead these efforts, allowing non-profit housing developers, cities, and others to partner with housing authorities and assisted housing owners.

On the question of one-for-one replacement of affordable housing units, the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative legislation includes a one-for-one replacement requirement in which demolished or disposed-of units must be replaced by hard units. Vouchers may serve as replacement units only in limited cases, where there is an adequate supply of affordable rental housing in areas of low poverty. All lease-compliant residents will be allowed to return to the developments (some HOPE VI developments had turned former residents away because of low credit scores or built fewer housing units to accommodate the return of all residents).

Donovan asked the Committee to authorize the legislation this year. Program funds will be targeted at those neighborhoods that meet three criteria: (1) severely distressed public or assisted housing that requires major rehabilitation or demolition, and is vacant or a contributing factor to the decline of the neighborhood; (2) concentration of poverty – will take into account high crime, neighborhood blight and abandonment, and the lack of high quality education; (3) long-term viability – the existence of key neighborhood assets, such as educational institutions, medical centers, central business districts, major employers, effective transportation, or adjacency to low-poverty neighborhoods.

Donovan told the Committee that the FY 2010 NOFA process for the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative will be composed of two stages. HUD intends to announce the initial competition this summer. From this pool of applicants, HUD will select a group of finalists. The finalists will then be given an opportunity to put together a more complete application and a small number of applicants, perhaps two or three, according to Donovan, will be selected for funding in early 2011. Since the FY 2010 NOFA provides only \$65 million for competition, he told the Committee that he is pushing for at least \$250 million for FY 2011 to allow more neighborhoods to receive the money in future competitions.

## **HUD UPDATE**

### **FY 2010 CPD Allocations**

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development (CPD), Mercedes Marquez, announced the release of the FY 2010 allocations for CPD’s formula grant programs (CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA) last week. Congress approved the FY 2010 funding in December, but the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) did not provide the allotments to HUD until late February. On average, CDBG grantees received an increase of 7% or higher this year. HOME allocations were cut slightly.

The FY 2010 allocations reflect two corrections from the FY 2009 allocations. First, HUD

incorrectly counted Native American populations into some urban counties' FY 2009 CDBG allocation, inadvertently providing an increase to these counties. This error has been corrected in the FY 2010 allocations, resulting in a reduction to the FY 2010 CDBG allocation for these counties. Second, several municipalities in Puerto Rico received reductions in their FY 2009 HOME allocation due to HUD not calculating the "cost adjusted rental housing with problems" factor into their HOME allocation. This error has been corrected and these municipalities will receive a slight increase in their FY 2010 HOME allocations.

In announcing the allocations, Assistant Secretary Marquez emphasized the need for complete performance measurement data for its formula grant programs to report to Congress and OMB on the achievements of the programs. She urged grantees to report outcome indicators for all open activities in IDIS.

### **HUD Changes Definition of "Foreclosed" and "Abandoned" Under NSP**

On April 2, 2010, HUD Assistant Secretary Mercedes Marquez announced changes to the definition of "foreclosed" and "abandoned" under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). The changes become effective immediately. In making the announcement, Assistant Secretary Marquez said, "It became clear to us that the Neighborhood Stabilization Program as originally designed was too restrictive and limited the ability of our local partners to put this funding to work quickly. We need to be more flexible so our local partners can respond to market conditions and reverse the effects of foreclosure in these neighborhoods as quickly as possible." NCDA and other national interest groups had advocated for broad changes to the both definitions.

#### *Foreclosed Property*

HUD previously defined the term "foreclosed" to apply only to properties where the foreclosure was completed. Under the new definition, properties will now be eligible for NSP assistance if the property is at least 60 days delinquent on its mortgage and the owner has been notified, or the property owner is 90 days or more delinquent on tax payments; or under state or local law, foreclosure proceedings have been initiated or completed; or foreclosure proceedings have been completed and title has been transferred to an intermediary or servicer that is not an NSP grantee, subrecipient, developer, or end user.

#### *Abandoned Property*

HUD previously defined the term "abandoned" to apply only to properties that had been foreclosed upon and was vacant for at least 90 days. HUD has expanded the definition to include homes where no mortgage or tax payments have been made by the property owner for at least 90 days or a code enforcement inspection has determined that the property is not habitable and the owner has taken no corrective actions within 90 days of notification of the deficiencies.

### **CDBG-R Program Reporting Update**

CDBG-R grantees have until April 10, 2010 to report their CDBG-R activities that occurred from January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010. Grantees also have until April 10, 2010, to report

Environmental data into RAMPS for this quarter. Where a grantee is handling all Federal Reporting data entry itself, the grantee is to review and verify the information provided to them by their sub-recipients prior to the data entry. On April 11-12, 2010, grantees will review data submitted by sub-recipients; grantees and sub-recipients will revise data, if needed. From April 13-30, HUD will review the data submitted by grantees and sub-recipients. Other deadlines are as follows:

- April 15, 2010: HUD submits quarterly report on the status of funded activities to the Council on Environmental Quality, using RAMPS
- May 1, 2010: Quarterly report posted to the Recovery Act website ([www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov))
- May 3 - June 15, 2010: System re-opens to make corrections to report that were created from January 1 - April 10.

According to HUD, the CDBG-R Program achieved a 98.8% reporting rate in January. HUD still needs grantees to improve the accuracy of the data, however. HUD has developed an excel file sheet (attached) with pre-populated standard data elements for all grantees, to assist grantees in reporting the correct information, and to reduce the frequency of errors. Before submitting the April report, grantees should ensure that the information on this spreadsheet is correct, and should compare this information with what the grantee reported in their January report.

Grantees should keep the following pointers in mind as they prepare their April reports.

- There is now a “Copy Forward” feature that allows grantees to use the previous quarter’s report to populate the next report. Instructions on how to use this feature can be found on [www.federalreporting.gov](http://www.federalreporting.gov). Grantees can ONLY copy forward reports from the most recent quarter. Grantees who reported in October but failed to report in January will need to create a new report. In using the “Copy Forward” feature any data elements that a grantee incorrectly entered in January will be copied into the April report, so grantees will need to manually correct the inaccurate elements in the April report before submitting it.
- If a grantee accidentally de-activates its “correct” report instead of de-activating an incorrect or duplicate report, the grantee should immediately contact HUD’s Recovery Act Reporting help desk. A grantee cannot recover a de-activate report on its own.
- There is now a post-reporting-deadline “Quality Assurance Period” for grantees and federal agencies to perform quality assurance checks and error corrections. The April report Quality Assurance Period will take place from May 3 - June 15. The Quality Assurance Period has now become the principal time period for grantees to correct reports.
- During the Agency review period and again during the Quality Assurance Period, HUD

may enter review comments on grantee reports. Grantees should check [www.federalreporting.gov](http://www.federalreporting.gov) or any HUD error messages during these periods to respond to the messages and promptly make corrections.

- Before hitting the “submit” button, make sure that the report is not showing up as a “draft” report! Also, hitting the submit button for a report that contains incorrect data will generate a “successfully submitted” message, but the inaccurate data may prevent the report from being sent to HUD.

#### Jobs reporting:

All grantees should make sure they follow the December 18, 2009 job reporting memorandum prepared by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The memorandum is available on the FederalReporting.gov site and on OMB’s website at: [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/memoranda\\_2010/m10-08.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/memoranda_2010/m10-08.pdf) Instructions for grantees begin with part 2 on page 10.

On March 18, 2010, HUD issued a revised Jobs Calculator as an optional aid to grantees in computing and reporting on jobs created/retained with Recovery Act funding. The current version will shortly be posted to [www.hud.gov/recovery](http://www.hud.gov/recovery) website. Grantees may wish to review HUD’s January 6 webcast on CDBG-R reporting, which includes a discussion of the revised job counting methodology. The webcast is available at <http://www.hud.gov/webcasts/archives/recoveryact.cfm>

#### Expiring Central Contractor Registrations (CCR):

Grantees may be unaware that their CCRs expire and must be renewed. Several CDBG-R grantees were unable to submit their January reports because their CCR registrations had expired. HUD’s Office of Departmental Grants Management Oversight has compiled a list of all HUD grantees whose CCR will expire on or before April 11, 2010. The list is attached.

#### HUD Regional Place-Based Meetings on Recovery Act Funding:

HUD Deputy Secretary Ron Sims is undertaking a series of regional video conferences with HUD field offices and Headquarters program offices to examine grantees’ progress in implementing all HUD Recovery Act funding. Four regional conferences have been held. Deputy Secretary Sims will meet with HUD offices in HUD Regions I, III and IX in April, and with regions V, VII and VIII in May. Grantees can expect inquiries from the HUD field offices on when funds will be under contract, when drawdowns will begin, when activities will be completed, what problems have caused delays, when accomplishments will be reported, etc.

#### Status of CDBG-R Expenditures:

Attached is a report showing the expenditure status of all CDBG-R grantees as of April 1, 2010. Nationally, 17.5% of CDBG-R funds have been drawn down with expenditure levels growing at about 1% per week. A total of 80 grantees have drawn down 100% of their funds; another 53 grantees have drawn down at least 90% of their funds. About a quarter of all grantees (294) have

drawn at least 50% of their funds. Approximately 296 grantees have drawn down nothing. Nationally, 79% of CDBG-R funds have been funded to specific activities in IDIS. HUD strongly encourages grantees to make regular draw downs of CDBG-R funds given the scrutiny being placed on Recovery Act programs to spending funding.

CDBG-R Accomplishments to Date:

Nationally, grantees project that:

- 13,669 housing units will receive housing rehabilitation assistance
- 487 new housing units will be constructed
- 2,284 businesses will receive economic development assistance
- over 2.3 million persons will benefit from public facilities activities
- nearly 10 million persons will benefit from public services activities

CDBG-R Reporting Help Line:

HUD's Recovery Act Reporting Call Center, 1-800-998-9999, is available to answer a wide variety of CDBG-R reporting questions. The center is open from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm EDT, Monday to Friday, with expanded hours April 1-10.

**NCDA Provides Comments on the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program**

NCDA along with the National Association for County Community and Economic Development provided a joint letter to HUD on the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program on March 12, 2010. We thank those members who submitted comments to us.

The FY 2010 HUD Appropriations bill provided \$100 million for a Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program. In advance of the notice of funding availability, HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities sought comments on the design of the program.

Two levels of funding are being considered: For metropolitan areas with a population up to 499,999, grants up to \$2 million. For metropolitan areas with a population of 500,000 or more, grants up to \$5 million. In the letter, we recommended that HUD reconfigure the funding categories and maximum funding levels under the program, as follows:

- Reduce the size of the small metropolitan area to a maximum population of 199,999 and reduce the grant amount to \$500,000. This will allow for sufficient funding of small metropolitan planning grants while provide the opportunity for more applicants to be served by the program.
- Create a new category for medium metropolitan areas with a population of between 200,000 to 499,999 with a maximum grant amount of \$ 2 million.
- Maintain the population threshold of 500,000 or more for large metropolitan areas, but reduce the maximum grant amount to \$4 million; again, as a means of allowing more

cities to receive funding.

We further recommended that the program needs to give consideration to what geographic areas are considered regions. Some large cities and counties constitute their own regions. Large cities and counties that can demonstrate they have large-scale sustainability projects and plans contained within their borders should be permitted to apply for the grants on their own.

We also recommended that, since funding will be limited under the program, the funding should only be provided to those regions that have a demonstrated positive climate for implementation, primarily the experience, political will and demonstrated resources to execute the plan.

Moreover, we recommended that administrative costs of staff and consultants involved in the planning grant should be considered an eligible activity under the program.

To review these, and other comments, please see the attached letter. Again, we thank members for responding to our request for comments.

## **NCDA NEWS**

### **2010 Annual Conference Agenda and Registration Information Posted to Website**

The 2010 NCDA Annual Conference will be held at The Red Lion Hotel in beautiful Seattle, WA on June 23-26, 2010. The conference fee is \$350 for members and \$450 for non-members. Members receive a \$25 discount if two members attend from a single community and a \$50 discount if three or more persons attend from a single community. Registration must be paid by check (NCDA is not set-up to accept credit cards) and must be made payable to NCDA. The hotel rate is \$142.00 plus tax. Hotel reservations must be made by June 1, 2010.

The conference will feature the following:

- Roundtable Discussion with Assistant Secretary Mercedes Marquez
- Session with HUD program staff on CDBG, HOME, NSP, CDBG-R, ARRA Reporting
- Session on NCDA's Work with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to Combat Childhood Obesity Using CDBG
- Update Session on IDIS OnLine
- Plenary Session on Preventing Fraud and Abuse in Federal Programs
- The City of Seattle will showcase its economic development, transit-oriented development, affordable housing, and community development projects
- Session on Combining Federal and State Funds with Local Resources
- Session on Working with CHDOs
- Session on Program Income
- Fair Housing Training: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing and Section 3
- Local Projects Tour
- John Sasso Community Development Week Awards Luncheon

A copy of the draft agenda is attached to this newsletter and is also available online at <http://www.ncdaonline.org>. You can also register for the conference online.

**Upcoming NCDA CDBG Training**

NCDA will hold the following CDBG training sessions this Spring.

***CDBG Basics: Training for Practitioners***

April 28-30, 2010

San Diego, CA

\$250 members/\$350 non-members

For training agenda and registration form, go to <http://www.ncdaonline.org/cdbg.asp>

***Advanced CDBG: Managing an Effective Program***

May 10-11, 2010

Seattle, WA

\$200 members/\$300 non-members

Hotel cut-off date is April 19, 2010

For training agenda and registration form go to <http://www.ncdaonline.org/cdbg.asp>

**Attachments**

- CD Week Proclamation
- 2010 NCDA Annual Conference Draft Agenda and Registration Form
- John A. Sasso Community Development Week Award Information
- CDBG-R Excel Spreadsheet
- CCR Expiration List
- Letter to HUD on Sustainable Planning Grant Program

For questions on the newsletter, please contact Vicki Watson at [vicki@ncdaonline.org](mailto:vicki@ncdaonline.org)

### Budget Chart

Program	FY09 Enacted Level	FY10 Enacted Level	FY11 President's Proposed Funding Level
Community Development Fund	\$3.9 billion	\$4.450 billion	\$4.380 billion
<i>Set-Asides:</i>			
Sustainable Communities Initiative	[\$0]	[\$150 million]	[\$150 million]
Catalytic Investment Competition	[\$0]	[\$0]	[\$150 million]
Native American Block Grant	[\$65 million]	[\$65 million]	[\$65 million]
University Community Fund	[\$0]	[\$25 million]	[\$25 million]
EDI Grants	[\$165 million]	[\$172.8 million]	[\$0]
Technical Assistance	[\$5 million]	[\$0]	[\$0]
Neighborhood Initiatives	[\$19 million]	[\$22 million]	[\$0]
Working Capital Fund	[\$3 million]	[\$0]	[\$0]
Rural Innovation Fund	\$0	[\$25 million]	[\$0]
<i>Total Set-Asides</i>	<i>\$257 million</i>	<i>\$265 million</i>	<i>\$390 million</i>
<b>Formula Grants</b>	<b>\$3.643 billion</b>	<b>\$3.990 billion</b>	<b>\$3.990 billion</b>
Section 108 Loan Guarantees	\$275 million	\$275 million	\$500 million
Brownfields	\$10 million	17.5 million	\$0
HOME Program	\$1.825 billion	\$1.825 billion	\$1.650 billion
<i>Set-Asides:</i>			
Housing Counseling	\$0	\$0	\$0
Technical Assistance	[\$12 million]	\$0	[\$3 million]
Working Capital Fund	[\$4.2 million]	\$0	\$0
ADDI	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Total Set-Asides</i>	<i>\$16.2 million</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<b>Formula Grants</b>	<b>\$1.80 billion</b>	<b>\$1.825 billion</b>	<b>\$1.647 billion</b>
Homeless Programs	\$1.677 billion	\$1.865 billion	\$2.055 billion
Housing Counseling	\$65 million	\$87.5 million	\$88 million
Lead Hazard Control	\$140 million	\$140 million	\$140 million
Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Program (SHOP)	\$64 million	\$82 million	\$0
Section 202 for the Elderly	\$765 million	\$825 million	\$274 million
Section 811 for the Disabled	\$250 million	\$300 million	\$90 million
HOPWA	\$310 million	\$335 million	\$340 million
<b>Program</b>	<b>FY09 Enacted Level</b>	<b>FY10 Enacted Level</b>	<b>FY11 President's Proposed Funding Level</b>

Fair Housing	\$53.5 million	\$72 million	\$61 million
Section 8 TBRA	\$15 billion	\$16.3 billion	\$19.5 billion
Section 8 Project-Based Assistance	\$6.868 billion	\$8.3 billion	\$9.376 billion
Public Housing Capital	\$2.45 billion	\$2.5 billion	\$2 .044 billion
Public Housing Operating	\$4.45 billion	\$4.775 billion	\$4.829 billion
HOPE VI	\$100 million	\$135 million	\$0^
Choice Neighborhoods	\$0	\$65 million	\$250 million
Energy Innovation Fund	\$100 million	\$100 million	\$0
Native American Housing Block Grant	\$645 million	\$700 million	\$578 million
Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant	\$10 million	\$13 million	\$10 million
Indian Housing Loan Guarantees	\$9 million	\$7 million	\$9 million
Native Hawaiian Loan Guarantees	\$1 million	\$1 million	\$0

^HOPE VI replaced by the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative