

**NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (NCDA)
2015 JOHN A. SASSO NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
WEEK AWARD**

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

**CDBG: 40 Years of Building Strong Communities
HOME: Over 20 Years of Providing Affordable Housing**

As a means of recognizing community efforts to promote and celebrate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program during the 2015 National Community Development Week, April 6-11, NCDA is announcing the 2015 John A. Sasso National Community Development Week Awards. This year marks the 15th anniversary of the John A. Sasso National CD Week Awards.

National Community Development Week provides the opportunity for grantees, sub-recipients, beneficiaries, State and local partners, and the community to unite to celebrate and recognize CDBG and HOME by showcasing projects and educating the community and congressional members on program benefits.

The awards will be presented at the John A. Sasso National Community Development Week Award luncheon on Friday, June 26, 2015 in Arlington, TX, during the 2015 NCDA Annual Conference.

Submission Criteria

To be eligible for consideration, communities must be a member of NCDA and must submit an essay incorporating the following information.

- discuss your 2015 National Community Development Week planning process
- discuss your National Community Development Week activities
- discuss how you educated the community on the benefits of CDBG and HOME
- list the names and discuss the participation of local partners in your National Community Development Week celebration, including public agencies and departments, sub-recipients, beneficiaries, non-profit organizations, local businesses, local elected officials, Congressional Members and/or their staff, and

other key players

- discuss your outreach to the media and include links to media coverage
- discuss innovative aspects of your National CD Week activities and process

Submission Deadline; Awards Announcement

Award submissions are due by the close of business, **May 15, 2015**. All submissions should include the following information: contact name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. Submissions should be sent via e-mail to vicki@ncdaonline.org. Mailed submissions will not be accepted. Winners will be notified no later than **May 27, 2015**.

John A. Sasso

In 1970, John Sasso became the first president of the Model Cities Community Development Directors Association (MCCDDA). This association eventually became the National Community Development Association after passage of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, which created the CDBG program. John began his tenure in the field of community development as a planner for the City of Pawtucket, RI. He retired from NCDA in 2000. John was a leading force nationally in promoting CDBG, NCDA, and its members.

