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Appropriations Update; Shutdown Looms

The following federal departments and agencies will shut down at midnight tonight unless a last-minute spending deal is reached in Congress.

- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Justice
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of the Interior
- Department of State
- Department of Treasury
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Food and Drug Administration
- NASA

On Wednesday, the Senate passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund federal government operations through February 8, 2019. President Trump had initially signaled his willingness to sign-off on the measure but changed his mind yesterday after receiving stark pushback from House Republicans who want to see border funding in the final spending bill. Instead of voting for the Senate-passed CR yesterday the House voted to send the CR back to the Senate after adding \$5.7 billion for border security and \$7.8 billion for disaster relief. The Senate is currently deliberating the proposal – and their options. The chance of getting the House version passed by the Senate is nil since 60 votes are needed and Senate Majority Mitch McConnell does not have those votes. Vice-President Pence is on the Hill meeting with Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer this afternoon to try to cut a deal. Unless a Christmas miracle occurs, expect a government shutdown that lasts through January 3, 2019, when Democrats take control of the House.

Implications of a Shutdown

In terms of HUD's programs, HUD voucher renewal costs will continue to be paid during a shutdown. LOCCS will be open to process drawdowns. The biggest issue is staff furloughs because no one will be on hand at HUD to answer questions or help resolve problems with

systems or program issues. Most importantly, approximately 800,000 federal workers across the country will go without pay.

The Center for Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) has put together some very helpful information on government shutdowns and what it means for citizens. Please go [here](#) to view the information.

New Year Brings New Faces in Congress; Plan to Meet with Your Congressional Members

On January 3, 2019, a new Congress will be installed. More than 20 percent of the members of the House of Representatives will be freshman, the most since 2010. These new members of Congress are still working on staffing up their offices, which should be nearly completed by the beginning of February. Please see the attached file (prepared by the National Housing Law Project) for a list of the incoming freshman, lead staff, and contact information.

The following video created by NCDA provides you with important information and advice for reaching out to your Congressional Members in the coming year, particularly to invite them to participate in National Community Development Week, April 22-26, 2019 and to schedule meetings in their district office to share information on your CDBG and HOME programs to push for increased funding in FY20.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/pkmfgtu3tyarpe7/NewCongressNCDA.mp4?dl=0>

Please also see attached talking points for your visits with Congressional Members. We encourage NCDA members to meet with their Congressional Members during the 2019 NCDA Winter Conference to educate them on the use of CDBG and HOME funds in their communities. Please see the attached conference agenda for specific times for Hill visits. Please reach out to other grantees in your state to coordinate the visits. To arrange a meeting, please contact your Congressional Member's scheduler at the following links.

House of Representatives: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

U.S. Senate: <https://www.senate.gov/senators/contact>

2019 Audrey Nelson Award Recipients

The following communities will receive the 2019 Audrey Nelson Award. NCDA's Planning and Professional Development Subcommittee reviewed and ranked the applications.

City of Miami, FL
Project: The Villages Miami

City of Orlando, FL
Project: Pendana at West Lakes

City of Corpus Christi, TX
Project: Play-for-All Playground

City of Fort Worth, TX
Program: Single Family Infill Development

City of San Antonio, TX
Project: East Meadows Phase I Development

The awards will be presented during a special ceremony at the NCDA Winter Conference on January 25, 2019 in Washington, DC.

HUD NEWS

Pam Patenaude Resigns from HUD

Pamela Patenaude, HUD Deputy Secretary, announced her plans to leave HUD in the New Year. Pam has served in the position since early 2017. Pam led the agency's disaster recovery response efforts as well as department operations. She brought decades of community development, real estate, and public policy experience to the position. She previously served as Assistant Secretary for CPD during the presidency of George W. Bush where NCDA had the pleasure of working with her.

FHA Commissioner, Brian Montgomery, will serve as acting Deputy Secretary and may be appointed as the permanent replacement for Pam.

Secretary Carson to Lead White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council

President Trump has appointed HUD Secretary Ben Carson to lead a newly created White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council that will engage with state and local governments and other entities on ways to more effectively use federal dollars to revitalize low-income communities. The 13 Federal member Council will focus on streamlining, coordinating and targeting Federal programs to Opportunity Zones. The Council hopes to be operational by the spring.

NCDA NEWS

Start Planning for National Community Development Week, April 22-26, 2019

National Community Development Week is designed to focus local as well as national attention on the CDBG and HOME programs. It provides an ideal opportunity to educate members of Congress and your community on CDBG and HOME and the importance of both programs to the community. We will be seeking increased funding for CDBG and HOME in FY 2020 and your participation in National Community Development Week helps in our efforts.

Although spending for the current fiscal year is not yet set, preparations for FY 2020 are well underway. National Community Development Week will occur during a critical time when Congress is making decisions about spending levels, so ensure you're a part of the conversation by hosting a National Community Development Week activity.

In late January, the President will begin the conversation of FY 2020 with his State of the Union Address that will set the tone for his policy agenda in the upcoming year. This agenda will be further detailed in his budget proposal, which will be released in February. When his budget proposal is released, Congress will begin holding hearings with Department Secretaries and start the process of drafting and reviewing appropriations bills.

This year, National Community Development Week is being held on April 22-26, 2019. Lawmakers will return to their states and districts for the week, giving you an opportunity to showcase the good work you do in your community using CDBG and HOME dollars. A few early actions can increase the possibility that your member of Congress will attend your event.

- First, decide what type of event you'd like to hold. You don't need a fully planned event, but figure out who will participate, what is the size of the event, where and when is the event, what is the focus, will the Senator/Representative be asked to make remarks, and will there be media? If the date and time of your event is flexible, you may be able to work with staff to better fit in the Senator's or Representative's schedule.
- Second, contact Congressional as soon as possible. The new Congressional session starts on January 3, 2019. You'll need to identify who handles scheduling for your legislator and what is required by the office to submit a formal invitation. Start by calling your most local district office - phone numbers for district offices are available on the legislators' web sites. Some offices schedule exclusively through their DC office, so you may need to make several calls before you get in contact with the appropriate staffer.
- Third, follow-up frequently. Schedulers are extremely busy and are constantly inundated with requests. Make sure yours gets the proper attention by contacting the scheduler frequently- initially twice a week but increase that to daily in the two weeks leading up to the event if you still have not received an answer. Make sure you ask the staffer handling your request what the best way to get in touch with him/her is and use those communication methods. If you are having trouble getting in touch with the person handling your request, leave messages with the office receptionist, too.
- Finally, don't get discouraged if members of Congress or their staff cannot attend your event. Work with the office on alternative ways they can participate - ask if can they issue a press release about your event, promote it on social media, or begin a scheduling request for a district work period later in the year. They may have other ideas on how they can participate, so be flexible.

Please Complete the CDBG Needs Survey; Sign the CDBG Support Letter

The CDBG Coalition, led by NCDA, has developed two items to help increase funding for CDBG in FY20. The first is a short CDBG Needs Survey, available at the following link, that should take no more than 6 minutes to complete. The survey results will be incorporated into a national CDBG report currently being developed by the CDBG Coalition and used in meetings in the coming year with Congressional appropriators. The survey deadline is **January 11, 2019**.

The second item is a CDBG sign-on letter to Congress seeking at least \$3.8 billion for CDBG in FY20, an increase of \$500 million. The letter will be sent to Congressional leaders and appropriators in early March, so please sign-on by March 2, 2019. We collected over 3,000 signatures on the letter last year and our goal is to exceed this number. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and sign-on to the letter.

CDBG Needs Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QLMCMRR>

CDBG Sign-on Letter

<https://data.ncdaonline.org/cdbgletter.asp>

Please invite your program subrecipients and other local partners to sign-on to the letter, too.

Save the Date for NCDA's 50th Anniversary Conference – Honoring Our Past, Transforming Our Future; Invitation to Sponsor

NCDA will mark its 50th anniversary during the 2019 Annual Conference and we want you to be part of the celebration. The conference will be held in Jacksonville, FL on June 19-22. Registration information will be available in early February. The conference will provide the opportunity for NCDA to celebrate its past, focus on the present and look to the future. For this special celebration we are offering a low-cost sponsorship opportunity for NCDA members. For a nominal fee of \$100, members can add their agency logo to the conference program and support NCDA in its 50th anniversary celebration. The sponsorship form is attached. Simply complete the form and e-mail it to vwatson@ncdaonline.org and michael@ncdaonline.org.

NCDA Winter Conference – January 23-25; Sold Out

NCDA's 2019 Winter Conference sold out two weeks ago. Over 200 grantees from across the country will attend the conference in Washington, DC on January 23-25, 2019. We have established a wait list at the following link.

<https://ncdaonline.regfox.com/2019-winter-conference>

The updated draft conference agenda is attached. The conference will feature a full day of free pre-conference training on January 22nd. The following pre-conference training courses will be offered.

- Advanced CDBG
- Advanced HOME
- Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Using CDBG

NCDA has been approved as an AICP Certification Maintenance (CM) provider. Some of the sessions are qualified CM events. We will be adding sessions to the list as the agenda is finalized. These events will be marked with the following symbol (where the number equals the number of CM credits): CM | 6

Please contact Steve Gartrell at sgartrell@ncdaonline.org with questions regarding conference registration. Please contact Vicki Watson at vwatson@ncdaonline.org with questions regarding the agenda.

NCDA Training Schedule; 2019 Training RFP

NCDA is offering the following CDBG and HOME courses in the coming months. Please go [here](#) to obtain the brochure and registration information on each of the courses.

CDBG Basics: Training for Practitioners
Sacramento, CA
February 12-14, 2019

HOME Basics Course
Anaheim, CA
March 4-6, 2019

Please contact Rita Pribyl at rpribyl@ncdaonline.org with any questions regarding the above training courses. If you are interested in hosting an NCDA training course in your community, please contact Rita.

**Department of Housing and Urban Development
Budget Chart**

<i>Program</i>	<i>FY18 Omnibus Spending Measure</i>	<i>President's FY19 Budget Proposal</i>	<i>House Approved FY19 Bill</i>	<i>Senate Approved FY19 Bill</i>
CDBG Formula Grants	\$3.3 billion	\$0	\$3.3 billion	\$3.3 billion
HOME Formula Grants	\$1.362 billion	\$0	\$1.2 billion	\$1.362 billion
Homeless Assistance Grants	\$2.513 billion	\$2.383 billion	\$2.571 billion	\$2.612 billion
Section 108	\$300 million	\$0	\$300 million	\$300 million
Choice Neighborhoods	\$150 million	\$0	\$150 million	\$100 million
HOPWA	\$375 million	\$330 million	\$393 million	\$375 million
Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction	\$230 million	\$145 million	\$230 million	\$260 million
Elderly Housing (Section 202)	\$678 million	\$563 million	\$632 million	\$678 million
Housing for Persons with Disabilities (811)	\$229.6 million	\$132 million	\$154 million	\$154 million
Housing Counseling	\$55 million	\$45 million	\$55 million	\$45 million
Housing Choice Vouchers	\$22.015 billion	\$20.550 billion	\$22.476 billion	\$22.781 billion
Project-Based Section 8	\$11.515 billion	\$11.147 billion	\$11.347 billion	\$11.747 billion
Public Housing Operating Fund	\$4.550 billion	\$2.975 billion	\$4.550 billion	\$4.756 billion
Public Housing Capital Fund	\$2.750 billion	\$0	\$2.750 billion	\$2.775 billion

Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD)	\$0**	\$100 million	\$0	\$0
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