

## Homelessness Primer (Coming Soon)

This course will provide entry-level understanding of the mix of federal programs that are available and administered by state agencies to address and end homelessness. The focus of the training will cover the Emergency Solutions Grant and Continuum of Care programs. The training will cover the potential program activities, basic eligibility for services and other required program elements. The basic overview of this course provides a solid grounding for state agency staff responsible for application review, program management and monitoring of subrecipients for these federal programs.

Additionally, this course will address the interaction and coordination that must occur for all grantees within a Continuum of Care and how that impacts the Consolidated Plan, homeless planning, and program/service delivery.

Materials provided for this course will serve as a use reference material once participants complete the training.

NOTE: Planning is underway with expectations that this course will be available soon.

## CDBG and HOME

The Council of State Community Development Agencies (COSCDA) represents state community development and housing agencies responsible for administering Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Programs. These programs meet critical housing and community development needs and transform neighborhoods in all fifty states.

The COSCDA Training Academy was created in 2007 to meet the increasing demand from the membership to provide state-specific training in COSCDA's three core program areas: community development, housing, and homelessness.

All COSCDA Academy offerings are taught by current and former COSCDA members who are highly experienced, including State staff who have or currently are administering the programs for which training is given. This real world, on the ground knowledge allows them to share their expertise with their counterparts who participate in Academy trainings.

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# COSCDA Academy Trainings

## **CDBG Boot Camp**

CDBG Boot Camp\* is a four-day training program for state CDBG agency staff. The program provides the information you need about state CDBG requirements, federal laws and regulations that shape how the program is administered every day.

The training guidebook is an excellent resource with statutory provisions, HUD regulations, notices, a glossary and case examples.

State community development staff with less than 3 years of CDBG experience and state agency staff responsible for coordinating with the CDBG program are encouraged to attend.

\*Boot Camp is a prerequisite for the Advanced CDBG Training offered through the COSCDA Academy.

## **Housing 101**

Housing 101 is an introductory course focusing on the basic federal housing programs that are used today to assist primarily low and moderate income persons. It covers such programs as Section 8, Public Housing, using HOME and CDBG for homeownership, rental, and rehabilitation programs, understanding mortgage underwriting and the secondary mortgage market, and tax-based housing programs including the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program and Tax Exempt Bond financing. USDA rural development programs and DOE Weatherization programs are also covered. The objective of the training is to provide a basic overview of these programs for state and local

practitioners, offering insight into how these programs can be effectively managed at the state and local level. The training also lets practitioners see how the specific programs that you work with on a day-to-day basis “fit” with other, including where they are same and where they are different.

The training guidebook is an excellent resource with program descriptions, history and definitions. The two and one-half day course also includes class exercises and reviews, and culminates with a test on what class participants have learned through their training.

## **Advanced CDBG**

Advanced CDBG is two-day educational experience designed for those who want or need to expand their professional understanding and comprehension of the field of community development. Advanced CDBG builds on COSCDA's basic CDBG seminar, CDBG Boot Camp. Advanced CDBG is for individuals who have demonstrated that they have three (3) or more years of experience in and understand the basics of the community development field. It is for the community development professional that desires a deeper understanding of the requirements and flexibilities of CDBG, wants increased confidence and ability to identify alternative approaches and implement effective solutions, needs to enhance project management skills and wants to be able to have a clearer understanding of their role in their agency, the interaction of various staff roles and the roles of stakeholders.

Advanced CDBG is not for the individual just entering the field of community development. It is for those individuals who want to proudly consider themselves CD professionals. Everyone who has worked in the community development field or plans to work in the community development field for over three years should attend Advanced CDBG.

## **CDBG Sub-Grantee Training**

To help state grantees effectively manage their sub-grantees, COSCDA, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, created the CDBG Sub-Grantee Training. Sub-Grantee Training is a two or three day educational experience designed for those who want or need to expand their professional understanding and comprehension of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The CDBG program involves complex administrative and financial procedures regulated by federal and state policies. Knowledge of the applicable regulations and policies is essential to achieve a high level of efficiency in the oversight of grant awards. A high level of training is like an insurance policy that protects grantees from unnecessary monitoring findings due to inexperienced administrators. A one day workshop can be added to the course that is specifically geared toward Local Elected Officials who will be the recipient of CDBG funds from the State.

This Sub-Grantee Training will help local officials and grant administrators appropriately develop and administer CDBG funded housing and community development projects.