



# COSCDA’s 2020 Annual Conference – September 21 – 24, 2020

## Collaboration and Cooperation in the COVID – 19 Environment

EDT	Monday – September 21	Tuesday – September 22	Wednesday- September 23	Thursday – September 24
10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	<p><b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>(All Conference Attendees)</p> <p>Bruce Katz, Co-founder, New Localism Advisors</p> <p>Bruce Katz will address economic recovery needs from COVID-19 and his research work on Main Street regeneration. He will also address other community development recovery needs from COVID-19. The mission of his work is to help cities design, finance and deliver transformative initiatives that promote inclusive and sustainable growth.</p>	<p><b>Plenary Session</b></p> <p>(All Conference Attendees)</p> <p>Amanda Misiko Andere, CEO, Funders Together to End Homelessness</p> <p>Amanda Andere will address both the national housing crisis with COVID-19, how it has impacted many who are at risk of homelessness, and the racial justice issues that the country is grappling with. She has is a leader committed to racial justice and housing affordability through advocacy for systemic change in both the public and private sector.</p>	<p><b>Plenary Session</b></p> <p>(All Conference Attendees)</p> <p>• <b>Emergency Housing Needs</b></p> <p>This session will attempt to cover the range of resources that can provide emergency housing assistance from CDBG, Housing, and Homelessness programs, including new CARES Act funds and regular program allocations. This session will provide guidance on how to connect these resources to the most appropriate population groups and needs. Also, this session will offer examples of how to meet new significant program requirements.</p>	<p><b>Mobile Workshop Tour</b></p> <p>(All Conference Attendees)</p> <p>The site visit will showcase Housing, Infrastructure, Community and Economic Development, and Homelessness Projects funded throughout the State of Louisiana.</p>
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>Taste of New Orleans Part 1</b></p> <p>(All Conference Attendees)</p> <p>Narrated video preview of New Orleans attractions.</p>	<p><b>Taste of New Orleans Part 2</b></p> <p>(All Conference Attendees)</p> <p>Narrated video preview of New Orleans attractions.</p>	<p><b>Taste of New Orleans Part 3</b></p> <p>(All Conference Attendees)</p> <p>Narrated video preview of New Orleans attractions.</p>	<p><b>Taste of New Orleans Part 4</b></p> <p>(All Conference Attendees)</p> <p>Narrated video preview of New Orleans attractions.</p>



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12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p><b>Legislative and Regulatory Update</b></p> <p>(All Conference Attendees)</p> <p>Hear COSCARDA staff provide an update on Congressional actions and legislation being debated on the Hill, and program changes being developed by HUD and other federal agencies.</p>	<p><b>Housing General Session</b></p> <p>• <b>Health &amp; Housing (possible homeless interest in this one)</b></p> <p>COVID-19 creates new requirements on how to address the needs of vulnerable population groups such as seniors and current or formerly homeless people. In meeting their needs, housing managers need to develop new protocols for physical space and service delivery. This session will provide ideas and advice on how to make such changes.</p>	<p><b>Homelessness General Session</b></p> <p>• <b>Racial Equity: Tools &amp; Resources to Address Disparities</b></p> <p>The National Alliance to End Homelessness has developed tools to help states and homelessness programs undertake data collection to assess disparities, as well as providing best practices and action steps to address those disparities. This session will also review the COVID-19 disparities and impact on racial minorities.</p>	<p><b>Disaster Recovery Session</b></p> <p>• <b>Matching Other Federal Funds &amp; DOB</b></p> <p>CDBG-DR funds are being increasingly utilized as a source to cover the local match for FEMA PA projects, grants awarded by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for disaster recovery managers, and other funding sources. Efficient management of the match, in conjunction with other funding requirements, can be achieved to avoid DOB and document costs. This presentation will share insights as well tools to leverage CDBG-DR funds and manage projects with different funding streams.</p>
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1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<p><b>Community Development General Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 / CARES Act Implementation</li> </ul> <p>This session will focus on key issues in implementing CDBG-CV (CARES Act) and regular allocation funds. Those issues include implementing projects in entitlement areas, duplication of benefit, meeting national objective for public services and critical activities, and waivers. The speakers will address examples of how to manage these requirements. Also, hear about one state’s efforts to implement other CARES Act Relief Funds (CRF) for community development and crisis needs.</p>	<p><b>Housing General Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 / Waivers &amp; Management Issues</li> </ul> <p>Housing program administrators are struggling to navigate the issues and problems created by COVID-19. This session will cover issues such as how to utilize waivers for HOME and HTF, remote management for state agencies (inspections and closeouts), as well as strategies to address project financial gaps due to construction delays and changes.</p>	<p><b>Homelessness General Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 / Implementing ESG-CV and Staying Focused on Traditional Homeless</li> </ul> <p>This session will focus on key issues in implementing ESG-CV (CARES Act) and regular allocation funds. Those issues include implementing new ESG requirements, managing waivers, and coordinating with entitlement area activities and other federal funds. This session will also include a discussion about how to stay focused on the traditional homeless during this time of vastly expanded needs for people who are newly at-risk. The speakers will address examples of how to manage these program issues.</p>	<p><b>Disaster Recovery Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gathering Action Plan Data &amp; How to Use It (Data Sharing Agreements)</li> </ul> <p>Action Plans for CDBG-DR and MIT funding must delineate and document a comprehensive view of impact from the disaster in order to justify the expenditure of disaster recovery funds allocated by Congress, as well as the proposed programs and projects identified for recovery. Having a compilation of data for current conditions, as well as data sharing agreements with FEMA, SBA, NFIP, etc. is critical to have access to data that will assist in identifying need.</p>
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Break	Break	Break	Break



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3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	<p><b>Community Development General Session</b></p> <p>• <b>CDFIs and CDBG-CV Business Assistance</b></p> <p>Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) provide financing and technical assistance to accomplish community development projects in disadvantaged areas. There is a national initiative to expand the reach of CDFIs into rural areas. This session will also share discussion about use of CDBG-CV funds for business assistance.</p>	<p><b>HUD OAHP Senior Staff Session</b></p> <p>The Director of the Office of Affordable Housing Programs and staff will provide an update on program guidance, regulations, and funding outlook affecting the HOME Investment Partnerships and Housing Trust Fund programs.</p>	<p><b>HUD SNAPS Senior Staff Session</b></p> <p>The Director of the Office of Special Needs Programs will provide an update on program guidance, regulations, and funding outlook affecting HUD's Homelessness programs.</p>	<p><b>HUD OBGA / DR Senior Staff Session</b></p> <p>The Director of the Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Office will provide an update on program guidance, regulations, and other issues affecting HUD's Disaster Recovery programs.</p>



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4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<p><b>HUD OBGA Senior Staff Session</b></p> <p>The Director of the Office of Block Grant Assistance will provide an update on program guidance, regulations, and the funding outlook affecting the Community Development Block Grant Program, as well NSP, and SUPPORT Act funding.</p>	<p><b>Regional Meeting</b></p> <p>(All Conference Attendees) Per COSCARDA Regions</p> <p>COSCARDA members from the four regions will meet to discuss organizational issues and initiatives and share information about regional developments.</p>	<p><b>Award Recognition and Award Presentation Overview</b></p> <p>(All Conference Attendees)</p> <p>Winners of COSCARDA's Recognition Awards will be announced. Hear the details about the creative award-winning projects.</p>	<p><b>COSCARDA Business Meeting/ Conference Wrap Up</b></p> <p>The meeting will provide an opportunity for members to discuss organizational issues, and provide input to the COSCARDA Board of Directors. Officers and Board members will be elected. Conference attendees will receive an update on the 2021 Annual Conference by the State of Nevada and the 2022 Annual Conference from the State of Louisiana.</p>

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Joint Sessions (All conference attendees)	
Community Development Sessions	
Housing Sessions	
Homelessness Sessions	
Disaster Recovery Sessions	