



As of February 15, 2023

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Sunday – March 19

Gather at 12:45 pm for tour at 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Tour of DC's Anacostia Neighborhood

Hosted by DC Department of Housing and Community Development

Pre-registration Required – Limited Space

Please click [here](#) to register for the tour

(Free for any conference registrant)

4:00 – 6:00 pm

COSCDA Board Meeting – Open to all conference attendees

Katy Burke, HUD CPD National Field Director

Claudette Fernandez, HUD CPD General Deputy Assistant Secretary

Monday – March 20

7:30 – 8:30
Registration
Coffee/Tea Service Provided

8:30 – 9:45 am

Welcome and Opening Plenary
Welcome: Deborah Johnson, COSCDA President

Speakers
Marion Mollegen McFadden, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Housing and Urban Development
Richard Cho, Senior Advisor for Housing and Services, Housing and Urban Development (Invited)

9:45 – 10:00 am
Networking Break (Coffee/Tea, No Refreshments)

10:00 – 11:30 am *(see Session Descriptions pages 5-8)*

Community Development Session	Housing Session	Homelessness Session	Disaster Recovery Session
CDBG for Public Services & Funding Child Care	Critical Issues for HOME-ARP Implementation	Unsheltered Homeless Needs – Nationally and Focusing on Rural Areas	Getting to Recovery Faster: Options to Implement DR Activities Quickly

11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Lunch on Your Own

1:00 – 2:30 pm *(see Session Descriptions pages 5-8)*

Community Development Session	Housing Session	Homelessness Session	Disaster Recovery Session
Ensuring Timely Expenditures & New LMA Local Survey Tool	Housing Trust Fund 7 Years On: Progress and Problem Solving	Addressing Homelessness in Disaster Recovery (Joint w/ Disaster Recovery)	Addressing Homelessness in Disaster Recovery (Joint w/ Homelessness)

2:30 – 2:45 pm
Networking Break (Coffee/Tea, No Refreshments)

2:45 – 3:30 pm

Working with HUD Field Office

Katy Burke, Director, Office of Field Management, CPD
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

3:30 – 3:45 pm

Networking Break (Coffee/Tea, No Refreshments)

3:45 – 5:00 pm

HUD Guidance on Build America, Buy America Act (BABA)

Faith Rogers, Senior Advisor, Office of the Deputy Secretary, HUD
Elizabeth Hendrix, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs, HUD
Colin Cross, States and Small Cities Division, States and Small Cities Division, HUD

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Networking Reception

(Drinks & Hors d'Oeuvres)

6:00 pm

Regional Dinners

(Dinner on Your Own)

Tuesday – March 21

8:30 – 10:00 am *(see Session Descriptions pages 5-8)*

Human Resources Dilemma: Recruiting & Retaining Staff and Procuring Professional Services in Post-COVID World

Marina Zhavoronkova, Senior Fellow, Workforce Development, Center for American Progress
 Lilah Haxton, AICP, Community Planning and Development Specialist, HUD
 Grant Johnson, Director of Policy and HUD Technical Assistance, Capital Access, Inc.

Recovery Housing: Sharing Promising Practices & Challenges

Sherry Risk, CDBG Program Manager, West Virginia Department of Economic Development
 Nicole Beagle, Homeless Assistance Specialist, Michigan State Housing Development Authority
 Mark C. Wiesendanger, Director of Development, MaineHousing

10:00 – 10:15 am
 Networking Break (Coffee/Tea, No Refreshments)

10:15 -11:45 am *(see Session Descriptions pages 5-8)*

Community Development Session

Adapting CDBG to Economic Recovery & Funding Microenterprise

Housing Session

Leveraging Treasury Funds for Housing

Homelessness Session

Aligning Health & Homelessness Programs

Disaster Recovery Session

Incorporating Mitigation & Climate Resilience in DR Activities

11:45 – 1:15

Joint Networking Lunch – All Conference Attendees
 (Lunch provided)

1:15 – 2:45

Advancing Housing & Community Development in 118th Congress: Perspectives from Partners in Advocacy

Andy Winkler, Director, Housing and Infrastructure Project, Bipartisan Policy Center
 Liz Osborn, VP, Public Policy Advocacy, Enterprise Community Partners
 Steve Berg, Chief Policy Officer, National Alliance to End Homelessness

Washington Overview

Josh Shumaker, Director of Advocacy and Federal Programs

2:45 – 3:00 pm Networking Break (Coffee/Tea, No Refreshments)			
3:00 – 4:30 pm <i>(see Session Descriptions pages 5-8)</i>			
Community Development Briefing with HUD Senior Officials Jessie Handforth Kome (invited) Robert Peterson (confirmed)	Housing Briefing with HUD Senior Officials Virginia Sardone (confirmed)	Homelessness Briefing with HUD Senior Officials Norm Suchar (confirmed)	Disaster Recovery Briefing with HUD Senior Officials Tennille Smith Parker (confirmed)
4:30 pm Adjourn			

Plenary Sessions

Working with HUD Field Office Monday, March 20, 2:45 – 3:30 pm

Wherever you're located, you have a Community Planning & Development (CPD) field office dedicated as a partner to serving your state. Join Katy Burke to learn more about the roles and responsibilities of the field offices, how to escalate questions and issues, and above all – how to get to “yes”.

HUD Guidance on Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) Monday, March 20, 3:45 – 5:00 pm

A panel of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and HUD officials will discuss the new requirements under BABA and offer an opportunity to raise questions on implementation of the new requirements. Panelists will review the notices issued and guidance on how to comply with BAP in administration of HUD funding.

Human Resources Dilemma: Recruiting & Retaining Staff and Procuring Professional Services in Post-COVID World Tuesday, March 21 8:30 – 10:00 am

Post-COVID workforce is changing how state agencies address recruitment and retention of staff. This session will briefly highlight some of the new trends states are using and strategies that managers can deploy, even when flexibility is limited in attracting and keeping good people. This session will also cover the basic considerations and requirements when state program managers are soliciting for professional services/consultants to assist them in managing HUD programs. This information will cover multiple HUD programs.

Recovery Housing: Sharing Promising Practices & Challenges Tuesday, March 21, 8:30 – 10 am

COSCDAs members will share their experience managing the Recovery Housing Program. This pilot program has experienced both progress and challenges in delivering housing options for adults that are recovering from substance abuse. A portion of the time will be available for attendees to raise their issues and ask questions.

Advancing Housing & Community Development in 118th Congress: Perspectives from Partners in Advocacy Tuesday, March 21, 1:15 – 2:45 pm

Hear from COSCDA's partners about potential advances and what could happen during the 118th Congress for housing, homelessness, and community development programs. The presenters will also provide insight about non-legislative actions that support and improve these programs. The panelists represent organizations that have ongoing efforts advocating for resources, legislation, and policies responsive to the needs of all of COSCDA's program areas.

Community Development Sessions

CDBG for Public Services & Funding Child Care Monday, March 20, 10:00 – 11:30 am

In using CDBG-CV for public services, there is a growing interest in using regular CDBG for such activities. This session will highlight program requirements and hear from states with experience in funding public services with CDBG, with a focus on child care.

Ensuring Timely Expenditures & New LMA Local Survey Tool Monday, March 20, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

This session will cover two topics: how states can improve their CDBG expenditure rates and a new survey tool. Advocating for CDBG funding is difficult when states are showing substantial unspent balances. This session will have presentations from both HUD staff and COSCDA members with strategies and program design options to increase timeliness of expenditures. HUD staff will provide an overview of a new LMA survey tool.

Adapting CDBG to Economic Recovery & Funding Microenterprise Tuesday, March 21, 10:15 – 11:45 am

This session will address two related topics: how to fund microenterprise assistance activities and changes in the economy impacting the use of CDBG for economic development activities. This session will include presentations on program requirements for microenterprise activities. Also, COSCDA members will discuss changes they are making to better administer business assistance programs in the COVID-recovery economy.

Briefing with HUD Senior Officials Tuesday, March 21, 3:00 – 4:30 pm

The Director and senior staff from the Office of Block Grant Assistance will provide updates on program guidance, regulations, and the funding outlook affecting the Community Development Block Grant, as well as CDBG- CV and Recovery Housing funding.

Housing Sessions

Critical Issues for HOME-ARP Implementation Monday, March 20, 10:00 – 11:30 am

There are a number of hot topics that HUD staff will highlight and address regarding the HOME-ARP program. Some of these issues include, but are not limited to, resident restrictions staying consistent with fair housing, displacement considerations due to project development, and rental housing requirements specific to ARP funding.

Housing Trust Fund 7 Years On: Progress and Problem Solving Monday, March 20, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

States will provide presentations that highlight how they designed and managed their Housing Trust Fund programs. The discussion will also include the challenges faced by those states, and opportunities for COSCDA members to raise their issues about how to manage the HTF program.

Leveraging Treasury Funds for Housing Tuesday, March 21, 10:15 – 11:45 am

The U.S. Department of Treasury has provided COVID recovery funds that can be used for housing activities. Officials from Treasury will briefly discuss how to direct those resources for housing projects. The session will also include presentations from states that have projects and activities to improve housing using the Treasury funds, including at least one example of combining Treasury funds with HUD resources.

Briefing with HUD Senior Officials Tuesday, March 21, 3:00 – 4:30 pm

The Director and senior staff from the Office of Affordable Housing Programs will provide updates on program guidance, regulations, and the funding outlook affecting the HOME Program and Housing Trust Fund.

Homelessness Sessions

Unsheltered Homeless Needs – Nationally and Focusing on Rural Areas Monday, March 20, 10:00 – 11:30 am

This session will examine the needs and efforts to address the unsheltered homeless population, with a special focus on the increases occurring in rural areas. The session will also highlight the new HUD funding initiative for unsheltered homelessness.

Addressing Homelessness in Disaster Recovery (Joint w/ Disaster Recovery) Monday, March 20, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Several new resources will be presented that support the recovery of and assistance for people experiencing homelessness prior to a disaster. The Disaster Recovery office has issued a Toolkit on assessing unmet needs that raises the profile of this issue. Also, the SNAPS office is managing a new program called Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) program, which provides housing and services for people experiencing homelessness whose needs are exacerbated by disasters, and people who are at-risk of longer-term homelessness.

Aligning Health & Homelessness Programs Tuesday, March 21, 10:15 – 11:45 am

New initiatives that provide funding and other resources for housing and supportive services will be presented in this session. These initiatives are directing Medicaid funds and health system resources from hospitals and managed care organizations toward these non-traditional uses that impact the quality and cost of health care. Partnerships and projects working to align health care and housing needs will be highlighted.

Briefing with HUD Senior Officials Tuesday, March 21, 3:00 – 4:30 pm

The Director of the Office of Special Needs Programs will provide updates on program guidance, regulations, and funding outlook affecting HUD's Homelessness Programs.

Disaster Recovery Sessions

Getting to Recovery Faster: Options to Implement DR Activities Quickly Monday, March 20, 10:00 – 11:30 am

States recipients will describe their strategies and initiatives to start disaster recovery efforts sooner than previous disasters. The Recovery Acceleration Fund model will provide bridge loans to finance rebuilding. One state is creating a housing model with state funds to address disaster. Another state will outline pre-agreement work to facilitate recovery activities.

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Incorporating Mitigation & Climate Resilience in DR Activities Tuesday, March 21, 10:15 – 11:45 am

HUD's Consolidated Notice will require CDBG-DR grantees to incorporate disaster mitigation measures into all recovery activities involving construction. This session will review how grantees can fulfill this require and include presentations from states on how they are implementing this requirement.

Briefing with HUD Senior Officials Tuesday, March 21, 3:00 – 4:30 pm

The Director of the Disaster Recovery Division will provide updates on program guidance, regulations, and funding outlook affecting HUD's CDBG-Disaster Recovery program.