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2024 COSCDA Annual Conference – ANTICIPATED AGENDA

September 16–18, 2024

Sunday – September 15	Monday – September 16	Tuesday – September 17	Wednesday – September 18
	8:00 am	8:30 am	8:30 am
	Regional Breakfast	Past Presidents Commemorate COSCDA’s 50th Anniversary	COSCDA Award Winner Presentations
	10:00 am	9:00 am	10:15 am
	Welcome and Opening Plenary Gov. Joe Lombardo (Invited) Keynote: Frederick (Fred) Steinmann	Plenary: CDBG Impacts on Housing, Homelessness, and Other Community Development Needs	Breakout Session C (Four Simultaneous Sessions for Each Program Area – options listed below)
	Nevada Program Presentation Conference Overview	10:45 am Breakout Session A (Four Simultaneous Sessions for Each Program Area– options listed below)	
12:00 – 4:00 pm	Noon	12:15	Noon
Early Registration Opens	Box Lunch Pick Up	Lunch on Your Own	Lunch Banquet Jeremy Aguero, Applied Analysis
4:00 pm	12:30 pm	1:45 pm	1:15 pm
COSDCA Board Meeting	Mobile Workshop Nevada Cares Campus, Reno Village at Sage, Reno FISH Program, Carson City (Transportation Provided)	Community Project Showcase (Nevada Projects)	Washington Update Briefing
		3:30 pm	2:00 pm
		Breakout Session B (Four Simultaneous Sessions for Each Program Area – options listed below)	HUD Senior Staff Briefings (Four Simultaneous Sessions for Each Program Area – options listed below)
5:30 pm		5:00 pm	3:30 pm
Welcome Reception & 1st Time Attendee Acknowledgement (All Conference Attendees Invited)		Breakout Sessions End	Business Meeting and Closing Remarks
6:30 pm	5:30 pm	6:00 pm	4:30 pm
Dinner on Your Own	Dinner on Your Own	President’s Reception National Automobile Museum, Reno	Adjourn

Breakout Session List (See Descriptions Below)

Date & Time	Community Development	Housing	Homelessness	Disaster Recovery
Breakout Session A Tuesday, 10:45 AM	Intersection of Climate Change and Community Development	Growing Nonprofit Developer Capacity	Upstream Homelessness Prevention	Strategies to Jump Start Housing Rehab/Repair
Breakout Session B Tuesday, 3:30 PM	How CDBG can Leverage Other Funding	Opportunities to Expand Solar Energy for Affordable Housing	Addressing Encampments & Impact of Criminalization	Application and Project Management Systems at the Subrecipient/Project Level
Breakout Session C Wednesday, 10:15 AM	Implementing BABA – Next Steps (Joint Community Development and Housing Session)		Engaging and Collaborating with Tribal Entities	Addressing Housing Needs When FEMA Assistance Ends
Briefing with HUD Senior Officials Wednesday, 2:00 PM	Robert Peterson, HUD Office of Block Grant Assistance (Invited)	Virginia Sardone, Director, HUD Office of Affordable Housing Programs (Invited)	Norm Suchar, Director, HUD Office of Special Needs Programs (Invited)	Tennille Smith Parker, Director, Disaster Recovery and Special Issue Division (Invited)

Session Descriptions

Plenary Sessions

Monday, September 16, 10:00 AM

Keynote: Fred Steinmann

Frederick (Fred) Steinmann, serves as Director of the University Center for Economic Development, University of Nevada, Reno. Dr. Steinmann will provide remarks on how the Community Development Block Grant is foundational to all of HUD's formula programs. He will describe that in the context of how Nevada's economy has changed from gambling-based to technology focused.

Tuesday, September 17, 9:00 AM

CDBG Impacts on Housing, Homelessness, and Other Community Development Needs

This panel presentation will highlight partnerships in Nevada that achieved significant results and particularly how working together with CDBG resources and CDBG-funded agencies supported those outcomes. The anticipated speakers include:

Sheldon Mudd, Executive Director, Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority

Mary Kerner, Chief Executive Officer, Rural Nevada Development Corporation

Maurice Page, Executive Director, Nevada Housing Coalition

Mary Jane Ostrander, Division Manager, Carson City Dept. of Health & Human Services

Wednesday, September 18, Noon – 1:15 PM

Luncheon Speaker: Jeremy Aguero

Jeremy Aguero, as the Principal Analyst with Applied Analysis, has undertaken projects of local, regional and national significance. Mr. Aguero's remarks will highlight the impact of housing on economic development. While his comments will focus on Nevada, he will point out how that impact stretches across the country and impacts other states similarly.

Community Development Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session A

Tuesday, September 17, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Intersection of Climate Change and Community Development

With the many new impacts that climate change, there are opportunities to use CDBG in new ways. This session will focus primarily on CDBG project examples and how those projects are connected to changing weather-related patterns.

Breakout Session B

Tuesday, September 17, 3:30 – 5:00 PM

How CDBG can Leverage Other Funding

CDBG funding can be instrumental in securing other funding sources for major projects, especially housing and infrastructure. COSCDA members will share their experience and lessons learned on how to effectively use CDBG funds to leverage signification resources from other housing and community development funders.

Breakout Session C

Wednesday, September 18, 10:15 – 11:45 AM

Implementing BABA – Next Steps (Joint Community Development and Housing Session)

This session will provide updates on implementation of the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA). Anticipated speakers for this session include representatives from: HUD, the NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), and engineering firms that have been managing projects under BABA.

Housing Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session A

Tuesday, September 17, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Growing Nonprofit Developer Capacity

Nonprofit developers can play a vital role in addressing the affordable housing by leveraging their mission-driven approach, access to funding, community engagement, and commitment to long-term affordability, this includes both CHDOs and other nonprofit developers. This session will examine the opportunities and challenges to build the capacity of nonprofit developers.

Breakout Session B

Tuesday, September 17, 3:30 – 5:00 PM

Opportunities to Expand Solar Energy for Affordable Housing

There are an increasing number of resources that provide support for solar energy in residential locations. This session will examine how some states are deploying those resources, particularly how those efforts could assist in affordable housing.

Breakout Session C

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Homelessness Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session A

Tuesday, September 17, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Upstream Homelessness Prevention

Federal agencies and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness are focusing on designing housing and service initiatives that work at going upstream to prevent homelessness from occurring in the first place. COSCDA members will share their work and experience at creating and implementing such efforts.

Breakout Session B

Tuesday, September 17, 3:30 – 5:00 PM

Addressing Encampments & Impact of Criminalization

Encampments of people experiencing homelessness often include the most long-term and chronically homeless people. These situations require that community leaders understand and develop comprehensive strategies to solve the real problems people are facing. Also, this session may examine the anticipated Grants Pass court decision that could criminalize homelessness.

Breakout Session C

Wednesday, September 18, 10:15 – 11:45 AM

Engaging and Collaborating with Tribal Entities

The presenters for this session will share their experience from meaningful engagement and partnership efforts to address the needs of American Indians experiencing homelessness. State agencies will learn the importance of understanding Tribal history and cultural issues when working with Tribal entities and American Indian-led organizations. One state will share information about its “Engagement Handbook” and lessons learned from ESG-CV.

Disaster Recovery Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session A

Tuesday, September 17, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Strategies to Jump Start Housing Rehab/Repair

Disaster recovery efforts are always scrutinized for the delay in responding, with housing needs generally receiving the most attention by the communities and media. Some states has developed strategies to move more quickly in implementing housing rehab and repair assistance. COSCDA members will share their experience and advice on how to rapidly deploy such efforts.

Breakout Session B

Tuesday, September 17, 3:30 – 5:00 PM

Application and Project Management Systems at the Subrecipient/Project Level

States seeking to have greater compliance and more effective delivery of disaster recovery support are working to create project management software for subrecipients to accept applications, document workflow, manage construction activities, and assure compliance steps are completed. State agencies will discuss how to develop such systems.

Breakout Session C

Wednesday, September 18, 10:15 – 11:45 AM

Addressing Housing Needs When FEMA Assistance Ends

FEMA housing assistance is often the first-in resource to provide actual housing. However, that assistance is temporary and there can be challenges as FEMA assistance ends. This session will have speakers that discuss opportunities to coordinate that transition.