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2025 COSCDA Program Managers Conference – TENTATIVE AGENDA (subject to change)

March 17-18, 2025

Sunday – March 16

4:00 – 6:00 pm

COSCDA Board Meeting – Open to all conference attendees

Monday – March 17

7:30 – 8:30

Registration

Coffee/Tea Service Provided

8:30 – 9:45 am

Welcome and Opening Plenary

Welcome: Alison George, COSCDA President

Speaker:

Impact of Federal Changes: DOGE, Staffing Cuts, Chevron Decision and More
Richard Pierce, Lyle T. Alverson Professor of Law, George Washington University

Washington Update: Jenna Hampton, Director of Advocacy and Federal Programs, COSCDA

9:45 – 10:00 am

Networking Break (Coffee/Tea, No Refreshments)

Program Track Breakout Sessions A 10:00 – 11:30 am

Community Development Session

Capacity Building & Monitoring Strategies for Subgrantee Oversight

Housing Session

Successful Underwriting for HOME-ARP

Homelessness Session

Addressing Obstacles to Success of Rapid Rehousing

Disaster Recovery Session

Disaster Recovery Opportunities of the New HUD Landscape

11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Lunch on Your Own

Program Track Breakout Sessions B 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Community Development Session CDBG-CV: Lessons Learned & Examples from State Members	Housing Session Housing Opportunities of the New HUD Landscape	Homelessness Session Creative Initiatives to Connect Health and Housing to Address Homelessness	Disaster Recovery Session Pre-Disaster Housing Initiative: Housing Planning before Disaster Strikes
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2:30 – 2:45 pm
Networking Break (Coffee/Tea, No Refreshments)

Joint Sessions 2:45 – 4:00 pm

Joint Session – Option 1 URA Rule: Addressing the 2024 Revisions	Joint Session – Option 2 Recovery Housing Program (RHP): How States Administer these Funds
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4:00 – 4:15 pm
Networking Break (Coffee/Tea, No Refreshments)

Community Development Breakout Session Community Development Opportunities of the New HUD Landscape

Legislative Awards & Networking Reception (Drinks & Hors d'Oeuvres)

6:30 pm Dinner on Your Own

Tuesday – March 18

Joint Sessions 8:30 – 10:00 am

Joint Session – Option 3

BABA Updates and Experience in the Field

Joint Session – Option 4

Strengthening the Con Plan Process: Addressing Resilience, Increasing Public Participation & Best Practices

10:00 – 10:15 am

Networking Break (Coffee/Tea, No Refreshments)

Program Track Breakout Sessions C 10:15 -11:45 am

Community Development Session

Funding Infrastructure with Data-Driven Decisions

Housing Session

Best Practices for Monitoring HOME & HOME-ARP Subrecipients & Grantees

Homelessness Session

Homelessness Opportunities of the New HUD Landscape

Disaster Recovery Session

Closeouts & Managing Program Income

11:45 – 1:45

Regional Breakout Lunches – All Conference Attendees
(Lunch provided)

1:45 – 3:15

New Directions for the 119th Congress

Panel Discussion of Congressional Members and/or Key Staff (to be invited)

Conference Wrap Up / Strategic Plan Update

Tess Humbree, Executive Director

3:15 – 3:30 pm

Networking Break (Coffee/Tea, No Refreshments)

3:30 – 4:30 pm

Community Development

Prepping for Dialog with HUD Senior Officials

Housing

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Disaster Recovery

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4:30 pm

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Session Descriptions

Plenary and Joint Sessions

Monday, March 17, 8:30 – 9:45 am

Welcome and Opening Plenary

Richard Pierce, Lyle T. Alverson Professor of Law, George Washington University

With the start of the second Trump administration, we will have keynote remarks about the impact of many federal changes: DOGE, staffing cuts, Chevron decision, and more. This information will help provide context for upcoming conference sessions that will give advice and seek suggestions on how to respond to the new Trump policies and restructuring of HUD and federal agencies.

Monday, March 17, 2:45 – 4:00 pm

Joint Session – Option 1

URA Rule: Addressing the 2024 Revisions

This session will focus on the significant changes in the revised final rule for the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act that became effective as of June 3, 2024. These changes increase the relocation benefits, provide new occupancy requirements, new acquisition, and other changes that impact implementation of the URA. The session will review the new requirements and provide a reference tool to help states comply with the new rule.

Monday, March 17, 2:45 – 4:00 pm

Joint Session – Option 2

Recovery Housing Program (RHP): How States Administer these Funds

Several COSCDA members will share their experience and highlight how they manage HUD's Recovery Housing Program to assist persons recovering from opioid and other substance addictions. The presentations will cover their priorities, application process, and partnerships to coordinate the use of these funds. The session is designed to showcase the work of states and their program activities.

Tuesday, March 18, 8:30 AM

Joint Session – Option 3

BABA Updates and Experience in the Field

This session will focus on real project experiences that adhere to the BABA procurement requirements. This session will provide insight on how BABA has impacted the implementation of projects, from both the cost and administrative burden perspective, and how states are monitoring compliance. The session will also provide how BABA is impacting local project managers and product suppliers. Information and resources on how to coordinate compliance when projects use multiple funding sources will also be covered.

Tuesday, March 18, 8:30 AM

Joint Session – Option 4

Strengthening the Con Plan Process: Addressing Resilience, Increasing Public Participation & Best Practices

The presenters will include state agencies and a technical assistance provider to describe strategies and resources that help states improve their Con Planning efforts, with a particular emphasis on addressing resilience and increasing public participation. The presenters will share their experience and offer advice for more effective planning in the use of community development, housing, and homelessness resources.

Tuesday, March 18, 1:15 PM

New Directions for the 119th Congress

The President and HUD are not the only key leadership that impacts federal programs. This session will have a panel of Congressional staffers to highlight the priorities and anticipated actions of the legislative branch. This information will help COSCDA members advocate effectively to meet housing and community development needs.

This session will also include closing remarks from COSCDA's Executive Director.

Community Development Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session A

Monday, March 17, 10:00 AM

Capacity Building & Monitoring Strategies for Subgrantee Oversight

States take different approaches to oversee their CDBG subgrantees. These strategies fall into 2 basic categories that COSCDA members will highlight to assure subgrantee compliance: capacity building activities such as training & technical assistance and monitoring activities that proactively support projects. Speakers will share their recommendations on how states can improve the effectiveness of their compliance efforts.

Breakout Session B

Monday, March 17, 1:00 PM

CDBG-CV: Lessons Learned & Examples from State Members

This session will include states that offer guidance on lessons learned in undertaking new activities through the CDBG-CV allocation and experiences with these funds. The session will offer guidance for states needing to complete expenditures.

Breakout Session

Monday, March 17, 4:15 PM

Community Development Opportunities of the New HUD Landscape

The Trump Administration transition and many changes that are happening offer an opportunity to reassess the direction of HUD. States may be given increased flexibility to use federal funding to address community development needs. There will also be challenges to assure that successful programs are retained and supported. This session will include some of COSCDA's partners in Washington that can share the latest updates on program and policy changes. They will also offer advice on the best approaches to respond and work with changes implemented by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) initiative. Attendees will be asked to share their experience or strategies that demonstrate the effectiveness of community development programs. The session will highlight opportunities to demonstrate efficiency and effectiveness of housing programs.

Breakout Session C

Tuesday, March 18, 10:15 AM

Funding Infrastructure with Data-Driven Decisions

The Method of Distribution to award CDBG funds can rely on different data sets and procedures to select the best use of public funds. COSCDA members will share examples of how they use both quantitative and qualitative data to consider and approve infrastructure grants.

Tuesday, March 18, 3:30 PM

Prepping for Dialog with HUD Senior Officials

In the transition to new leadership in the White House and at HUD, states will have many questions and there are topics and policy changes that states want clarified. This session will be an opportunity to gather a list of questions and issues that COSCDA members would like to discuss with HUD senior officials. Come prepared to voice your concerns for this dialog.

Housing Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session A

Monday, March 17, 10:00 AM

Successful Underwriting for HOME-ARP

States have significant challenges to overcome in reviewing rental housing development using HOME-ARP funding. This session will provide technical advice on how to underwrite those projects, including how to analyze the layering of Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and Housing Trust Fund (HTF) resources.

Breakout Session B

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Breakout Session C
Tuesday, March 18, 10:15 AM

Best Practices for Monitoring HOME & HOME-ARP Subrecipients & Grantees

This session will have COSCDA members present how they organize and undertake their monitoring of housing subrecipients and grantees. This session will primarily focus on the experience and examples of states. Additional information from a program perspective will be provided by a technical assistance provider.

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Homelessness Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session A
Monday, March 17, 10:00 AM

Addressing Obstacles to Success of Rapid Rehousing

This session will include a few states offering their experiences and difficulties in fulfilling the requirements of Rapid Rehousing, particularly in light of limited housing supply and rent limitations. This session will include discussion among attendees as well as gathering information that can be used in discussions with HUD on implementing this priority for the Emergency Solutions Grant program.

Breakout Session B
Monday, March 17, 1:00 PM

Creative Initiatives to Connect Health and Housing to Address Homelessness

This session will continue COSCDA's efforts to collaborate with the health care system in meeting the housing and service needs for persons experiencing homelessness. This session will include examples of how states have accessed Medicaid funding to provide housing and services that are not traditionally provided through health care programs. The speakers will focus on the Housing and Service Partnership Accelerator and one state's Medicaid waiver for persons with mental illness. These speakers will discuss strategies and collaboration that help establish such initiatives.

Breakout Session C

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Disaster Recovery Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session A

Monday, March 17, 10:00 AM

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Breakout Session B

Monday, March 17, 1:00 PM

Pre-Disaster Housing Initiative: Housing Planning before Disaster Strikes

States can benefit from having plans in place to address housing needs before disaster strikes. FEMA and HUD have an initiative to help states prepare these plans and is particularly focused on those states before a disaster strikes and before they receive CDBG-DR funding. The session will also have information from states that completed such a plan. This initiative was outlined in this document: [Final Report](#).

Breakout Session C

Tuesday, March 18, 10:15 AM

Closeouts & Managing Program Income

The presenter in this session will review the process, checklist, and steps necessary to closeout CDBG-DR grant awards. This session will also include information about how states can use program income whenever that occurs and how it is managed after a DR project closeout. This session will assure that states know how to comply with HUD's program requirements.

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