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Building Thriving Communities

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Dear NCDAA Member,

We hope you have found value in NCDAA's support and resources over the last year. As we gear up for the upcoming membership year, we want to outline the benefits of continued NCDAA membership.

Network, Learn, and Effect Change. Membership in NCDAA is an important way for grantees across the country to stay connected with each other and engaged with issues at the national level. NCDAA is where you can share ideas with other grantees and learn program best practices and policies being implemented to help move communities forward. NCDAA is a place where grantees of all sizes – small cities, mid-sized communities, large cities, work to solve, create, and effect positive change.

Program Advocacy. As the leading voice for local community development professionals, NCDAA is at the forefront of sustained advocacy for member programs. Members can participate in this important work by attending the Winter and Annual Meetings, joining Hill visits, participating in advocacy opportunities such as National Community Development Week, and serving on NCDAA standing committees where policy is shaped.

Being a member of the National Community Development Association offers unparalleled opportunities for networking, professional development, advocacy, access to resources, recognition, collaboration, and professional support, empowering individuals who work in cities, counties, and organizations to make a meaningful impact in their communities. – Kevin Howard, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Programs, City of Little Rock, AR

Comprehensive Program Training. NCDAA is the leading national organization providing comprehensive training on the CDBG and HOME programs to assist grantees understand and better administer the programs.

Management Training. NCDAA will launch its Leadership Institute in June. The Institute will provide ongoing training for new and experienced managers and supervisors in four core areas: team building, communications, leadership, and management.

Dedicated staff to serve you. NCDAA has a small but dedicated staff committed to assisting members.

Current News and Updates. NCDAA helps you stay current on the latest federal news through email alerts and the monthly Washington Report.

Online Forum. The Forum allows members to submit program questions and access all previously answered questions.

Awards recognition. The NCDAA Audrey Nelson National Community Development Award and the John Sasso Community Development Week Award recognize the outstanding community development work of members.

Jobs link. The Jobs link allows members to post jobs for free and peruse current job opportunities across the country.

Membership in NCDA is a no-brainer. The organization provides me and my staff with the training, tools, and resources we need to be effective community development practitioners. The regional and national conferences are outstanding, and the colleagues I have met have become some of my closest friends and best advisors. – Sean Glennon, Community Development Director, City of Quincy, MA

The new membership year will begin July 1, 2024. The dues amount remains unchanged from last year. Please find enclosed an invoice and W-9 form. If you would like to pay your membership fee electronically, please go to the following link.

<https://ncdaonline.org/membership-commitment-form/>

We appreciate you being part of the NCDA community. It is our honor to support you and the community work you do, and we hope you will give us the opportunity to continue to

support you in the year ahead with renewal of your NCDA membership.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions concerning the Association's work at vwatson@ncdaonline.org and Michael Lightfield at michael@ncdaonline.org regarding your membership invoice.

Sincerely,

Vicki Watson

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