

National Community Development Association
2014 John A. Sasso National Community Development Awards
“CDBG: 40 Years of Building Strong Communities”

In 1970, John Sasso became the first president of the Model Cities Community Development Directors Association. This association eventually became the National Community Development Association (NCDA) after passage of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, which created the CDBG program. John began his tenure in the field of community development as a planner for the City of Pawtucket, RI. He retired from NCDA in 2000. He was a tireless advocate for CDBG. The National Community Development Awards are named in his honor.

2014 marks the 40th anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Communities across the country celebrated National Community Development Week on April 21-26 to recognize the importance of CDBG and other landmark programs such as the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program to the lives of low-income people. This year marks the 28th anniversary of the National Community Development Week campaign began by NCDA in 1986. This annual campaign is designed to focus local, as well as national, attention on the important accomplishments of CDBG and HOME. National Community Development Week provides an ideal opportunity to educate members of Congress and local citizenry on how these programs help create jobs, revitalize neighborhoods, provide affordable housing and improve lives.

The following nineteen (19) jurisdictions will receive the 2014 John A. Sasso National Community Development Week Award during a special luncheon at the NCDA Annual Conference in Columbus, OH on June 27, 2014. The recipients will present their National Community Development Week activities at a special session prior to the awards luncheon. The nineteen (19) award winners used National Community Development Week as a platform to bring together Congressional members and/or their staff, local partners, local media, sub-recipients and program beneficiaries, to recognize and celebrate the impact of CDBG and HOME on their communities.

Award Winners

- Palm Springs, CA
- Salinas, CA
- Hollywood, FL
- Jacksonville, FL
- Seminole County, FL
- Albany, GA
- Malden, MA
- Quincy, MA
- Durham, NC
- Kettering, OH
- Beaverton/Washington County, OR
- Richland County, SC
- Knoxville, TN
- Arlington, TX
- Bryan/College Station, TX
- El Paso, TX
- McKinney, TX
- Burlington, VT
- La Crosse, WI