

## **THE 2010 JOHN A. SASSO NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK AWARD**

This year, NCDA will present its 10th annual John A. Sasso National Community Development Week Award. This award recognizes the community or communities that exemplify the spirit of the CDBG program by showcasing its good works through the activities and events held during the 2010 National Community Development Week, April 4-10, 2010. Activities conducted during National Community Development Week should have generated media coverage and included the involvement of your congressional delegation.

To be eligible for consideration, communities must be a member of NCDA and must provide an essay of 1,000 words or less describing their activities and events undertaken as part of its 2010 National Community Development Week celebration. Award submissions are due at NCDA's office by the close of business, **April 30, 2010**. Upon receipt of your essay, NCDA will select the finalists by **May 14, 2010**. Finalists may be required to submit additional information regarding their submission. Winners will be notified no later than **May 21, 2010** in order to make the necessary arrangements to attend the Award Luncheon. The awards will be presented at the John A. Sasso National Community Development Week Award luncheon on June 25, 2010 in Seattle, WA during the 2010 NCDA Annual Conference.

All submissions should include the following information: contact name, address, phone and fax number, and e-mail address. Submissions should be sent to:

National Community Development Association  
522 21<sup>st</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 20006  
Washington, D.C. 20006

If you need additional information, please call (202) 293-7587.

### **Presentations/Audio-Visual**

If you are selected to receive an award, presentations will be limited to 5 minutes, including audio-visual presentations. If you plan to present an audio-visual presentation, please submit your presentation to [sglennon@quincyma.gov](mailto:sglennon@quincyma.gov) no later than **June 3, 2010**.

# Declaration of National Community Development Week

April 4 - 10, 2010

Mercedes M. Márquez  
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This year marks the 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. As the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development (CPD) of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), it is my pleasure to declare April 4-10, 2010 as National Community Development Week.

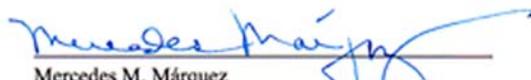
This Administration is committed to ensuring that CDBG remains a valuable funding source to address housing and community development needs that are unique to each community. I ask you to join with HUD, the National Community Development Association, and over 1,100 cities, counties, and states in celebrating 36 years of one of the most popular domestic program of our time—a program that for nearly four decades continues to build vibrant communities.

Signed into law on August 22, 1974, CDBG has been addressing the critical social, economic, affordable housing, and community development problems in our communities. The program continues to honor its primary national objectives through the development of viable urban communities, the provision of decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanded economic opportunities, for low- and moderate-income households. One of the program's greatest strengths is the opportunity for partnership among all levels of government and the private sector.

CDBG continues to help create a better standard of living for all Americans. From cities and counties large and small, urban and rural, CDBG has been the driving force for housing rehabilitation, neighborhood improvements, and local economic development initiatives. As it continues to create and retain jobs, improve vital infrastructure, spur local business development, provide vital services to lower income individuals, and create homeownership opportunities, we are committed to improving the effectiveness of CDBG.

As the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, I am proud to officially declare April 4-10 as National Community Development Week for 2010.



  
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