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# NCDAREGION VI

# Newsletter

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## Message from the Chair

Dear Region VI Members:

While the Southwest region is experiencing record heat waves, we are looking forward to the cooler temperatures that await us at the annual conference in Albuquerque, October 26-28, along with a 2-day HOME training Oct 24-25. See page 4 for more details and links to the agenda and registration. Thanks to our host city staff for their hard work to prepare an informative, productive, and engaging conference!

This edition of the newsletter also highlights the new Facebook group for Region VI (thank you Teresa Taitt and Candyce Waters!). Please be sure to visit the [NCDAREGION VI group](#) and request to join. The site will be a place for us to ask questions, share solutions, and highlight special events and successes.

Jared Jakubowski and the City of Moore, Oklahoma, are featured in this edition with highlights of Moore's plans to revitalize an area hit hard by tornadoes in 2013. Many of our Region VI communities have experienced disasters and have come through difficult times with extraordinary resilience and outstanding results. Moore is among many examples of communities facing hardship and moving forward to help residents rebuild and come back stronger than ever.

This edition also features several special events and workshops related to Fair Housing, and a tribute to one of NCDAREGION VI's most ardent supporters - Mr. John Sasso.

Sheryl Kenny



## Upcoming Events

■ 2016 Region VI Conference  
Albuquerque, NM  
October 24-28, 2016

■ 2017 Winter Conference  
Washington, D.C.  
February 15-17, 2017

■ 2017 NCDAREGION VI 48th Annual Conference  
Miami, FL  
June 14-17, 2017

## Milwaukee, WI: National NCDA Conference: Three Region VI members receive John A. Sasso Award



Chan Williams accepted the award for the City of Dallas. Dallas Mayor Pro Tem, Monica Alonzo, hosted a press conference to kick-off National Community Development Week. The press conference provided the opportunity to promote awareness of CDBG and HOME and to recognize the Citizens Development Center, a 2016 NCDA Audrey Nelson Award recipient, for their impactful use of CDBG funds. City of Dallas CDBG and HOME-funded programs were exhibited at informational booths in City Hall providing citizens and guests with program information and one-on-one engagement with program staff.

Nancy Robbins and Carol Jones were present to receive the award for Tulsa's efforts to educate and promote awareness of the importance of the CDBG and HOME programs in the community. To accomplish its goals, the Grants Administration Department worked with the City's Communications Department, the Mayor's office, and several grant recipients. The Department highlighted two programs: 1) the Tulsa Car Care program, funded by CDBG and 2) Vintage Housing, a new CHDO multifamily rental project, funded by HOME. Tulsa staff produced a video and held a ribbon cutting at Vintage Housing in addition to posting information about projects on Facebook, YouTube and other social media outlets.

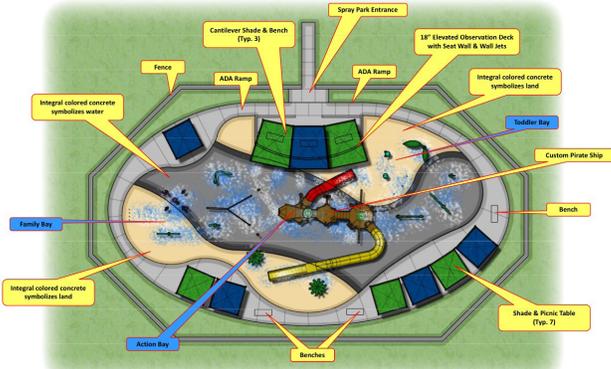
Shirletta Best accepted the award for the City of McKinney's promotion of innovative CDBG and HOME-funded activities including: 1) Groundbreaking of the McKinney Housing Authority (MHA) property, Newsome Homes. The aged property will be transformed into a three-story, 180 units of affordable housing for seniors and disabled persons. The \$22 million public-private partnership included CDBG funding to support relocation assistance while the property is being redeveloped; and 2) A community house-raising for a single family home being built in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity of North Collin County for the Evans family.

## Commemorating the Life of John Sasso

John A. Sasso was NCDA's founder and Executive Director until his retirement in 2000. John began his tenure in the field of community development as a Planner for the City of Pawtucket, RI. Many of us were fortunate to have met John in person at the 2015 NCDA Conference in Arlington, Texas. He made a special appearance to personally give out the awards named in his honor. He was a tireless advocate of community development and housing, and his legacy will live on through an NCDA scholarship for disadvantaged youth. Please consider a donation in his memory at: <http://ncdaonline.org/sasso.asp>



# Moore, Oklahoma: Revitalization Projects



## SPRAY PARK

The City of Moore plans to use CDBG-DR funds for a Spray Park located in Little River Park, a 52-acre park. The park will include shade structures, benches, concrete walkways, play features, water features, electrical work, and landscaping to create a family-friendly gathering place in a low-income neighborhood.



## CDBG DR

After an F-5 tornado hit Moore, Oklahoma on May 20, 2013, the City received CDBG-DR funds to rebuild housing and infrastructure. The City is in the process of completing the design for a new owner-occupied and multi-family housing project. Construction is expected to start soon and will provide replacement housing for hundreds of households in Moore.

# Dallas and Arlington Fair Housing Month Events

Marking the 48th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, the City of Arlington hosted a Fair Housing Symposium in April along with the City of Dallas who hosted a regional event in May.

The City of Dallas and regional partners hosted the North Texas Regional Fair Housing Symposium at the Arlington Convention Center.

The event was held to further the goal of developing a regional plan for housing and encourage collaboration with other local jurisdictions and nonprofits in finding solutions to affordable housing challenges.

The City of Arlington's Symposium was held at the Arlington Board of REALTORS. The symposium provided attendees with information on fair housing as well as helped raise awareness about how to inquire about and file fair housing complaints within the City of Arlington.

A panel of experts talked about strategies to promote fair housing choice and how to foster inclusive communities. Top experts in the field of fair housing were also on hand to speak with residents, landlords, apartment managers, apartment associations and other attendees.

Both cities provided valuable information on fair housing to their communities and region.



## 2016 NCDA Region VI Conference

The 2016 NCDA Annual Region VI Conference will be held in Albuquerque, NM

October 24-25 (HOME)  
October 26-28 (Conference)

Visit <http://www.ncda6conference.com/register> to register for the conference.

Visit <http://www.ncdaonline.org/home.asp> to register for the HOME training

Early registration deadline is September 1.



## Upcoming NCDA Training

HOME Basics - August 24-26 (Santa Rosa, CA)  
CDBG Basics - September 21-23 (Santa Rosa, CA)  
CDBG Basics - September 28-30 (Philadelphia, PA)  
HOME Basics Course (2 day) - October 24-25 (Albuquerque, NM)  
CDBG Basics - November 1-3 (Lexington, SC)

See the [www.ncdaonline.org](http://www.ncdaonline.org) for more info. Thanks!