

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

The year of 2014 marks the 40th anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), a national program under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Communities across the country celebrated National Community Development Week on April 21-26 to recognize the importance of CDBG and remind members of Congress and local citizenry how community development programs help create jobs, revitalize neighborhoods, provide workforce housing and improve lives. In McKinney, Texas Community Development Week brought together Congressional members, local partners, local media, sub-recipients and program beneficiaries, to celebrate the impact of these programs on the lives of others.

The National Community Development Association (NCD) in Washington, DC sponsored Community Development Week with their partners: Partners of National Community Development Week included the U.S. Conference of Mayors; National Association of Counties; National League of Cities; National Association of County Community and Economic Development; National Association of Finance Agencies; Habitat for Humanity International; Rebuilding Together; American Planning Association; Council of State Community Development Agencies; National Association of Development Organizations; Local Initiatives Support Corporation; National Urban League; U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development (HUD); National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; Feeding America; YWCA USA; International Economic Development Council, and the National Urban Housing Coalition

The **City of McKinney** was recognized by NCD with 19 other jurisdictions with the John A. Sasso Award at the June National Conference. CDBG is one of the City’s investment-based tools toward housing and community development. The award will be presented to City officials in August when HUD will mark the anniversary.

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

NCDA is a national nonprofit organization comprised of more than 550 local governments across the country that administer community and economic development, housing and human service programs, including programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). 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.

In recognition of this award, the City of McKinney thanks **all** its Community Development Week partners and supporters, including the following participants and sub recipients:

- The Honorable Sam Johnson, State of Texas – 3rd District.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County
- 3E McKinney
- Children and Community Health Center
- CityHouse
- City Secretary Department
- Collin County Committee on Aging, Inc.
- Community Dental Care
- Community Grants Advisory Commission
- Community Lifeline Center
- Freewill Baptist Church
- Habitat for Humanity of North Collin County
- Health Services of North Texas
- Holly Family School
- Housing & Community Development Department
- NERA (North Texas Neighborhood Engagement & Revitalization Alliance)
- North Central Texas Aging and Disability Resource Center
- North Texas Fair Housing Center
- North Texas Job Corps
- P.R.I.D.E. (Promoting Resident Involvement, Development, and Enthusiasm) Community Leaders
- Salvation Army, McKinney Corps
- The Samaritan Inn
- Volunteer McKinney