

A Spotlight on the Fed's Community Development Work and a Discussion of Promising Opportunities for the Field

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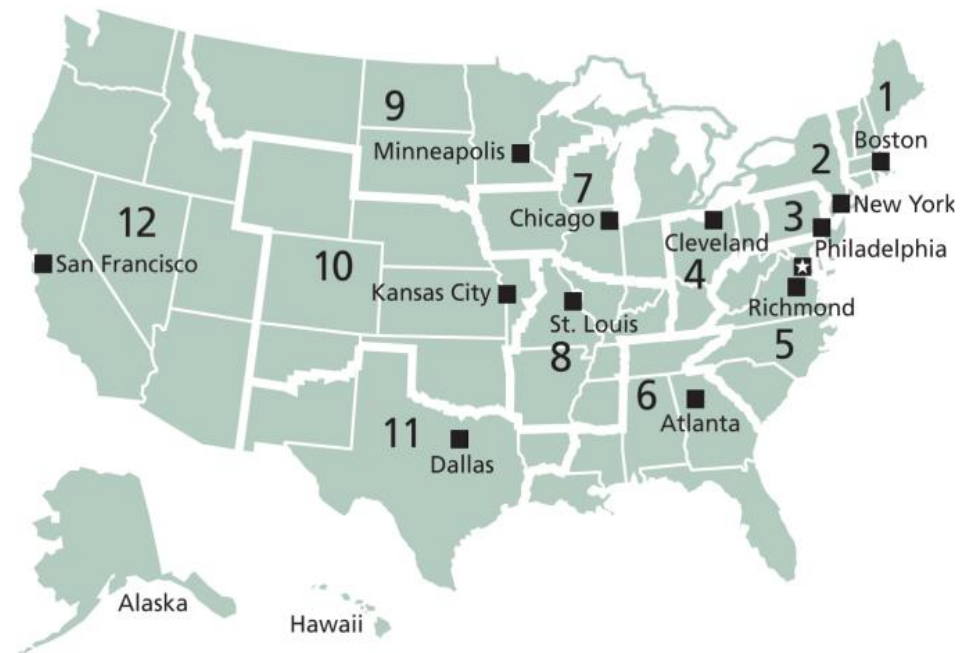
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The Community Development (CD) function within the Federal Reserve System – consisting of individual departments at each of the twelve Federal Reserve Banks as well as at the Board of Governors – promotes economic growth and financial stability for low- and moderate-income (LMI) communities and individuals through a range of activities, including:

- **Convening stakeholders**, including practitioners, financial institutions, nonprofits, governmental agencies, and the philanthropic and private sectors,
- **Conducting and sharing research** to examine economic challenges facing low- and moderate-income communities and attendant policy implications; and,
- **Identifying emerging issues.**



Today's Presenters

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Today's Agenda

- The following will be discussed:
 - Perspectives on the state of the industry
 - Insights on promising practices, research, and policy issues from around the country
 - The Fed's role in community development
 - FedCommunities.org
 - Federal Reserve Community Development Perspectives: A summary of activities, insights, and future opportunities

Questions and Answers



Mark Pinsky



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FedCommunities.org

The screenshot shows the homepage of FedCommunities.org. At the top left is the logo, which consists of a stylized green and blue city skyline with the text "FedCommunities.org" and "Federal Reserve community development resources promoting people, place, practice and small business" below it. To the right of the logo are three navigation buttons: "About Us", "Find your Fed District", and "Contact Us". Below the navigation is a horizontal banner with four categories: "PEOPLE" (with a photo of a family), "PLACE" (with a photo of a house), "PRACTICE" (with a photo of hands holding a tree), and "SMALL BUSINESS" (with a photo of a building). Below the banner is a search bar with the placeholder text "Type keyword here" and "Search" and "Sign Up!" buttons. On the left side, there is a vertical menu with the following items: "Featured", "Data/Research", "Events", "Multimedia", "Publications", "Speeches", and "Tools". The main content area is titled "Featured" and contains two articles. The first article is titled "Federal Reserve Community Development Perspectives" and includes a small image of a city at night. The second article is titled "REGISTER NOW: Spotlight on the Fed's Community Development Work and a Discussion of Promising Opportunities for the Field" and includes a small image of a building.

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Federal Reserve Community Development Perspectives
Ever wonder about the Federal Reserve's involvement in the field of community development? Wonder no more. Released in June 2014, *Federal Reserve Community Development Perspectives: A summary of activities, insights, and future opportunities* answers the "what," "why" and "how" of the Fed's role in community development. The report highlights the Fed's recent efforts to address barriers to economic growth, and promote fair and informed access to financial markets. Featuring brief summaries of its community development work organized into four focus areas—people, place, the policy and practice of community development, and small business—the report includes background information that helps to provide context for this work, a sampling of key research, outreach programs and other initiatives, as well as some ideas on future challenges, needs and opportunities.
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Wrap-Up/Closing

Thank you to today's presenters and to all participants for joining this session.

Next steps:

- All session materials are available on our web site and in the next few days we will be posting an audio file of today's session.
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Related Resources



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It provides an array of practical resources to help you in your role as a community development professional, whether your work involves supporting people, places, the practice of community development, or small business development.