

Request for Presenters
Developing Vibrant Communities
August 21-22, 2018
Federal Reserve Bank Chicago-Detroit Branch | Detroit, MI

The Community Development Advocates of Detroit (CDAD) and the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) are currently seeking innovative and engaging speakers and presenters focused on community economic development and financial empowerment in Michigan.

CDAD and CEDAM welcome proposals from regional, statewide, national and international speakers and presenters who wish to bring their expertise and passion to the premier conference for community economic development in Michigan.

CDAD & CEDAM are committed to creating an equitable conference. We welcome and encourage those who live or identify within marginalized communities to submit proposals.

Interested presenters should submit a proposal including name, affiliation, contact information, background and qualifications and a brief description of the proposed session. The description should include the title, objective, audience, content level (beginner, intermediate or advanced) and method of delivery, if unique, and indicate if a plenary speaker position or a breakout session is sought. We encourage you to submit a video of prior presentations if available. Free conference registration will be offered to session presenters. Sessions will be 60 minutes.

This is an opportunity to showcase topics critical to community economic development and financial empowerment in a way that engages the audience, facilitates discussion of new ideas and moves ideas to action!

Topics of interest for the 2018 conference include (but are not limited to):

Topic 1: Financial empowerment programs and initiatives

- Asset Building and Children's Savings Accounts
- Financial Empowerment Centers, Financial Coaching and Counseling
- Financial Capability Technology and Data Management
- Income Inequality and Community Economic Development

Topic 2: Housing development or placemaking projects

- Neighborhood-based placemaking projects
- Small-scale housing development
- Engaging residents in housing development processes
- Creative supportive housing development

Topic 3: Inclusion

- Topics that discuss the inclusion of communities that are marginalized because of race, religion, gender, sexuality, identity and disabilities in the workplace or the community economic development field such as
 - How to assess and address issues of inclusion and equity within one's organization
 - Organizational case studies that look at initiatives to make the workplace more inclusive
 - Including youth in community development efforts
- Proactive tools and tactics for combating gentrification and displacement

Topic 4: Policy and advocacy

- Successful policy initiatives or strategies
- Coalition building and leveraging partnerships
- Affordable housing policy or other community economic development policy issues

Topic 5: Capacity Building

- Fundraising in lieu of the new tax plan
- Developing the next generation of community economic development professionals
- Shorter, 20-30 minute technical skill-building workshops intended for participants to walk away with clearly defined tools that can be applied immediately

We may also accept creative and engaging topics that do not fall under the listed categories.

Proposals are due by 5:00pm on Friday, April 13, 2018. Proposals can be sent electronically submitted through this [google form](#). More information about this event is available [here](#).