



Network News

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National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations

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Policy Update

Federal Reserve Board Accepting Applications For Community Advisory Council

The Community Advisory Council is a diverse group of experts who meet semiannually with the Board of Governors. They provide a range of perspectives on economic circumstances and financial services needs of consumers and communities, particularly low- and moderate-income. [Apply by June 15, 2018.](#)

Comment Period Extended - FHLBank AHP Proposed Rule Changes

The Federal Housing Finance Agency is seeking comments on proposed amendments to its regulation on the Federal Home Loan Banks' Affordable Housing Program (AHP). NACEDA and our national partners advocated to extend the public comment period. [Submit comments by June 12, 2018.](#)

Legislation Rolls Back Dodd-Frank Protections From Discriminatory Lending

President Trump signed the *Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act* into law on May 24. The legislation revises and removes key parts of the *Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act*. [Analysis by American Banker](#) identified provisions in the bill that could increase discriminatory lending, including amendments that exempt 85 percent of banks and credit unions from Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) reporting requirements, meaning they are no longer required to report the race, sex or credit scores of applicants.

Thriving Networks



PolicyLink's Michael McAfee To Keynote NACEDA Summit

Dr. Michael McAfee will become President & CEO of PolicyLink in the fall when Angela Glover Blackwell takes on the role of Founder In Residence. As PolicyLink President, Dr. McAfee currently leads efforts address race forthrightly and drive groundbreaking policy changes. We are delighted that he can join us at [NACEDA's 10th Anniversary Summit & Celebration](#), which will be held on September 12-14 in

Philadelphia, PA.

This dynamic peer-learning event is designed by and for community development association professionals. The 2018 summit will focus on federal, state, and local policy; the intersection of health and community development; creative placemaking; and professional development for association staff and board members. Watch for weekly "Sneak Peeks" highlighting summit sessions.

Wells Fargo Funds Baltimore Neighborhood Revitalization Plan

Wells Fargo is providing \$500,000 grant to help Jubilee Baltimore implement a plan developed by Central Baltimore Partnership, a NACEDA member. The [Front and Center Plan](#) addresses issues related to youth and family, workforce development, community health, and housing needs in six city neighborhoods that are experiencing economic challenges. The Wells Fargo Regional Foundation provided funding for the year-long development of the plan, which complements Central Baltimore Partnership's anchor institution-based community development revitalization efforts. They're galvanizing the renaissance of Central Baltimore by reducing blight, revitalizing commercial corridors, and improving homes, public schools, parks, streets, and safety in Central Baltimore. Take a look at their marketing campaign, [Explore the Core](#).

Washington Alliance's Conference Focused On Equity and Racial Justice

Hosted by the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, a NACEDA member, the [2018 Conference On Ending Homelessness](#) brought together nearly 800 people in Yakima, WA. Keynote speaker Marc Dones discussed a new [SPARC report](#) that shows how African American and Native American people are significantly over-represented among people experiencing homelessness. The conference featured an Equity and Racial Justice track, a queer caucus, plus affinity groups for people who have experienced homelessness and people of color.

Michigan Association's Rural Opportunity VISTA Program Wins Award

The [Michigan Governor's 2018 Service Award](#) for Outstanding National Service Program will be awarded to the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) for their Rural Opportunity VISTA Program. Created in 2016 to build the capacity of rural anti-poverty programs in Michigan, VISTAs completed 14,000 hours of service and brought over \$100,000 worth of cash and in-kind resources to host organizations last year. The NACEDA Summit will feature a session organized by CEDAM Director of National Service Programs Rachel Diskin with her counterparts from Housing Action Illinois, Prosperity Indiana, and the Ohio CDC Association. The session will focus on how NACEDA member agencies can utilize AmeriCorps members to increase the capacity of programs and local community development nonprofits.

Frank Woodruff Talks Transformation On Power Station Podcast

"Transactions happen within certain rules. True transformation changes those rules," said NACEDA Executive Director [Frank Woodruff on the Power Station Podcast](#). A DC-based

podcast exploring advocacy, public policy, and placemakers on the front lines of community-based change, Power Station is hosted by Anne Pasmanick. She and Frank discussed how mission-based organizations can change the financial and public policy systems influencing our communities, as well as how community development can create healthy and creative places. Power Station has featured guests familiar to the NACEDA network, including Seema Agnani of National CAPACD and Ron Hantz of the Network for Developing Conscious Communities.

NACEDA's Communications Peer Group Focuses On Visual Storytelling

Photographer Marissa Diekhoff of Housing Action Illinois led a webinar for members of NACEDA's Communications Peer Group. [View the Visual Storytelling webinar](#) and practical resources to learn how to tell use photos more effectively to tell stories about community development.

Healthy Places

Webinar - Healthcare Playbook for Community Developers

How can Community Development Corporations, Community Development Financial Institutions, and affordable housing developers leverage their assets and expertise for effective partnerships with hospitals and healthcare systems? Build Healthy Places Network is hosting a June 12 webinar to preview their forthcoming resource, "Healthcare Playbook for Community Developers." Learn how three cross-sector leaders are building impactful partnerships across the community development and healthcare sectors. [Register for June 12 webinar.](#)

Kaiser Permanente Pledges \$200 Million to Address Housing Instability

Recognizing the connection between a stable home and health, [Kaiser Permanente announced](#) announced plans to invest \$200 million through its Thriving Communities Fund to address housing stability and homelessness, among other community needs. Their initial focus will be on preventing displacement or homelessness of lower- and middle-income households in rapidly changing communities; reducing homelessness by ensuring access to supportive housing; and making affordable homes healthier and more environmentally sound.

Creative Places

Ohio Tour Focuses on Intersection of Creativity and Small Business

NACEDA and the Ohio CDC Association orchestrated a tour of three Columbus community development organizations with Woodforest National Bank. The tour highlighted entrepreneurs using creativity and local culture to fuel the growth of small businesses. The group met with entrepreneurs from ECDI Food Fort business incubator (shown), INCREASE

CDC, the Franklinton Urban Empowerment Lab, and the Columbus Idea Foundry. Featured entrepreneurial organizations had received, or been a part of, grants from ArtPlace America, to incorporate arts and culture into their local community and economy. The Ohio CDC Association received a grant from NACEDA as part of its Creative Placemaking Immersion Program. They used the funds to connect lessons from creative placemaking projects in Columbus, Cleveland and elsewhere to their other members throughout the state.



NEA Announces Our Town 2019 Funding Opportunity

Our Town is the National Endowment for the Arts' creative placemaking grants program. These grants support projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes. Matching grants for creative placemaking projects range from \$25,000 to \$200,000. [Apply for Our Town funding by August 9, 2018.](#)

ArtPlace America Announces "Twilight Strategy"

ArtPlace America is a 10-year collaboration among a number of foundations, federal agencies, and financial institutions to position arts and culture as a core sector of comprehensive community planning and development. Ahead of the 2020 sunset for the program, ArtPlace announced their [focus for the final years](#). ArtPlace will no longer be funding individual creative placemaking projects. Expect to see the continued rollout of their [deep-dive field scans](#) in specific sectors, and look to see more from ArtPlace on how creative placemaking situates within the comprehensive framework for community development.

Job Postings

[**Policy Director - Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania**](#)

To post a job opportunity, contact [Suzanne Gunther](#). Job postings are free for NACEDA members. A \$25 donation is suggested for non-members.

Funding Opportunities

Go to our website for current grant opportunities. They're updated throughout the month.

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