



Applications being accepted: Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Community Development Advisory Council

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Applications are being accepted for the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) to fill upcoming vacancies in Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Wyoming. Candidates from all sectors will be considered, however, community leaders in the following fields are of special interest:

- Affordable housing
- Digital inclusion and/or affordable broadband
- Native American/tribal community development
- In addition, we would welcome applications from Community Reinvestment Act officers from intermediate small banks.

To apply, please [submit an application online](#).

About the Council

The CDAC is composed of community, banking and labor leaders from throughout the Federal Reserve's Tenth District, which includes Colorado, Kansas, western Missouri, Nebraska, northern New Mexico, Oklahoma and Wyoming. Missouri and Kansas currently are well represented, so we are not seeking applicants from those states in 2022.

Council members are appointed to three-year terms and provide perspectives on community development issues throughout the year. Members also are expected to attend two meetings a year, typically in the spring and fall. Travel expenses are reimbursed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Meetings will be online or in person depending on Centers for Disease Control guidance.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City established the CDAC in 2001 to provide Bank leaders a deeper understanding of community development issues affecting low- and moderate-income communities. CDAC members provide feedback on the Bank's community development research, programs and resources. Council members also receive updates on the national and

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regional economies.

Applications are due 5:00 p.m. CST, Thursday, Sept. 30. All candidates will be notified of their selection status in December and new candidates will be announced in January 2022.

Questions may be submitted to kcca@kc.frb.org.

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Jeremy Hegle is assistant vice president and Community Affairs Officer (CAO). In this role, Hegle leads the Tenth District's [Community Development department](#) with responsibility for leading and executing the Bank's districtwide community and economic development initiatives, which address challenging issues affecting lower-income individuals, underserved communities and small businesses' access to credit. He also represents the Kansas City Fed on the Federal Reserve System's CAO subcommittee and will manage the Bank's [Community Development Advisory Council](#). Prior to being named CAO in 2023, Hegle led the Bank's digital equity efforts. In 2019 Hegle co-authored [Disconnected: Seven lessons on fixing the digital divide](#), a layperson's overview of the digital divide. He led efforts to narrow the digital divide using three strategies: Expanding access to affordable home broadband. [Collaborating with state broadband directors](#), federal agencies, and local government on broadband deployment strategies and increased access through [affordable internet programs](#). Increasing the supply of low-cost computers by encouraging employers to [donate their used computers](#) to nonprofit refurbishers, schools and community organizations. [Informing banks](#), foundations, government and policymakers of the complex factors that cause the digital divide, the latest research on the topic, and creative solutions to fix it. Hegle joined the Kansas City Fed in 2015. Previously, he served in the Army National Guard and later helped launch KCSOURCELINK, a small-business support organization that links thousands of entrepreneurs with resources to start, grow and accelerate their businesses. Hegle has a bachelor's in business administration and an M.B.A. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

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