



## Kansas City Fed seeks advisory council applicants

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The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas is now accepting applications for its Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC). While we will consider candidates from all sectors, we are especially interested in community leaders in workforce development as well as bank Community Reinvestment Act officers.

### About the CDAC

The CDAC is composed of community, banking, and labor leaders from throughout the Tenth Federal Reserve District. The Tenth District includes Colorado, Kansas, western Missouri, Nebraska, northern New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Wyoming.

The Kansas City Fed established the CDAC in 2001 to provide Bank leaders a deeper understanding of the community development issues having an impact on 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 regional economies.

The Kansas City Fed appoints council members to three-year terms and asks CDAC members to attend two meetings a year, typically in the spring and fall. The Kansas City Fed reimburses travel expenses.

**Applications are due 5:00 p.m. Central, Friday, October 7.** We will notify all candidates of their selection status in December. New CDAC members will be announced in January 2023.

**Please note: The online application webpage times out.** To ensure your application is submitted successfully we suggest you complete your responses to the questions in a Word document, then copy/paste your responses once you're ready to submit.

We will send you a confirmation email to let you know we received your submission. That typically arrives within a few minutes of submitting the form.

Questions? Please feel free to send them to [KCCA@kc.frb.org](mailto: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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