



Kansas City Fed seeks advisory council applicants

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The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City is now accepting [applications](#) for its Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC).

While we welcome all applicants we are especially interested in applicants from western Missouri, Oklahoma, and Wyoming, with expertise in:

- affordable housing,
- digital access,
- small business, or
- workforce development.

About the CDAC

The CDAC is composed of community, banking, and labor leaders from throughout the Tenth Federal Reserve District, which includes Colorado, Kansas, western Missouri, Nebraska, northern New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Wyoming. Council members serve three-year terms and are expected to attend two meetings per year, typically held in the spring and fall. Travel expenses are reimbursed by the Kansas City Fed.

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.

What you need to know about the process

[Applications](#) are due 5 p.m. Central, Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

We will send you a confirmation email to let you know we received your submission. The confirmation typically arrives within a few minutes of submitting the form. We will notify all candidates of their selection status in December. New CDAC members

will be announced in January 2026.

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.

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Questions? Please feel free to send them to KCCA@kc.frb.org.

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WritingIn 2026, the Kansas City Fed released Wilding's "[The Byways Report: The Scenic Route to Rural Prosperity](#)," examining how small towns have used route-based tourism as a strategy for economic development. Along with expert interviews and technical resources, the report includes stories from several byways, with a focus on Route 66 in Oklahoma. Her [three-part series on Investment Connection](#), the Kansas City Fed's signature program, appears on the [national website](#) about the Fed's work in communities. Wilding co-authored [Disconnected: Seven lessons on fixing the digital divide](#), a layperson's guide to putting broadband, devices and training within reach of a community. In addition to special projects, Wilding edits the Kansas City Fed's [community development newsletter](#). [Subscribe here](#). **Engagement** Wilding served as project director for community-engaged research in a neighborhood where broadband subscriptions were very low. The engagement [built understanding](#) of barriers to connection. She also led [focus groups with unemployed individuals](#) and with people from nonprofits that serve them, held in Chicago, Detroit, Denver and Kansas City. Before joining the Kansas City Fed in 2018, Wilding was executive director of Consensus KC, a nonprofit consulting firm specializing in public policy and civic engagement. She holds a B.A. in urban affairs from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Her hobby is letterpress printing, using a 1,500-pound cast-iron press from the late 1800s. **About the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City** The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City is one of 12 regional Reserve Banks that, along with the Board of Governors in Washington, D.C., make up our nation's central bank. We work in the public's interest by supporting economic and financial stability. The Kansas City Fed's territory includes Colorado, Kansas, western Missouri, Nebraska, northern New Mexico, Oklahoma and Wyoming. Our headquarters is in Kansas City, with branch offices in Denver, Omaha and Oklahoma City. The Kansas City Fed Community Development Department promotes economic development and public understanding that leads to progress for lower-income individuals and communities. Our focus areas include community development investments, digital inclusion, small business / entrepreneurship, and workforce development.