



# COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

## Bulletin

### FHLBank Indianapolis Announces the Opening of a New Program Offering, the Community Mentors Program

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The Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis (FHLBank Indianapolis) is pleased to announce the opening of a new program offering: the Community Mentors Program. The Community Mentors Program is a community engagement and economic development leadership program, which includes a full-day workshop and accompanying implementation grant.

The **Community Mentors Workshop** is a full-day workshop that pairs community development experts with stakeholders in your community followed by a roundtable discussion. The event is intended to bring together FHLBank Indianapolis member financial institutions with local community leaders to help make connections, stimulate thinking, and challenge conventional wisdom about community development.

The **Community Mentors Implementation Grant** is a \$10,000 grant that can go towards the cost of creating a community plan, commissioning a study, or a specific initiative identified at the workshop.

Applicants (Lead Partner) can either be FHLBank Indianapolis member financial institutions or local community organizations (local government entities, community foundations, or nonprofit organizations with an affordable housing or community development affiliation) that host a full-day workshop in their community. Before the workshop convenes:

- The Lead Partner identifies three community or economic development issues they would like discussed at the workshop.
- FHLBank Indianapolis gathers appropriate community development experts (Mentors) to present on their experiences addressing similar issues.

The workshop concludes with an interactive roundtable session where attendees break out to discuss the topics addressed in the workshop. Led by the community mentors, each roundtable identifies actionable items the community can implement or coordinate following the workshop.

Two Communities (one from Indiana and one from Michigan) will be selected to host a Community Mentors Workshop in 2021. The workshop will be held at a community event space of the Lead Partner's choice.

In preparation to select two communities to host a Community Mentors workshop in 2021, FHLBank Indianapolis is now accepting applications with the following program timeline:

- September 30, 2020: Applications Due
- December 1, 2020: Communities announced
- April 2021: First Community Mentors Workshop
- October 2021: Second Community Mentors Workshop

For more information about the Community Mentors Program, please reference the materials below.

- [Community Mentors Program Website](#)
- [Community Mentors Program Guide](#)
- [Community Mentors Application](#)

A live webinar will be hosted on Tuesday, July 28 at 11:00 AM (ET) to review program requirements and answer any questions. A copy of the webinar will be posted to the website following July 28. You can register for the live recording here: [Community Mentors Program Application Training Webinar](#).