The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City and Community Development

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Mission of Fed Community Development

• Community Affairs supports the Federal Reserve System’s economic growth objectives by promoting:
  – Community development
  – Fair and impartial access to credit, and
  – Access to mainstream banking services by the historically underserved.

• Key focus is on low- and moderate-income individuals, neighborhoods and communities.

• Traces origins to Community Reinvestment Act of 1977
KC Fed Community Development Key Areas of Focus

- Community Development Investments (CRA)
- Healthy Neighborhoods
- Financial Stability for the Underserved
- Small Business Development and Sustainability
- Workforce Development
KC Fed Community Development Program Highlights

- Investment Connection
- CRA Training
- Forums / Conferences
- Deal brokering / Convenings
- Publications / pamphlets / webinars
- Community Intelligence
- Research
KC Fed Community Development Resources

Published Reports

Map Your Community

Research and Analysis

http://www.kansascityfed.org/community/
Recent Research Projects

- Could Payday Lending Restrictions Harm Consumers?  
- CDC Housing Investments and Home Values  
  –  http://www.kansascityfed.org/publicat/econrev/pdf/12q1Edmiston.pdf
- LIHTC and Property Conditions  
- Homeowner Tax Incentives and Local Public Spending  
  –  Academic journal article (email me for a copy)
- Student Loans: Is There a Crisis?  
- Property Conditions and Neighborhood Crime  
  –  Request copy
- The LMI Community in Recession and Recovery: Results from a New Survey  
(Some) Community Development Myths

• The best way to create jobs is to bring in large employers, and that is where we should focus our economic development efforts
  – http://www.kansascityfed.org/PUBLICAT/ECONREV/PDF/2q07edm i.pdf

• Community development efforts should focus first on the hardest hit areas first and foremost

• In fairness, we should “spread the wealth” and contribute our community development resources across communities /neighborhoods

• Payday and other alternative lenders are harmful to low-income communities and should be banned

• CRA was a major cause of the subprime/housing crisis

• Predatory lending was a major cause of the subprime/housing crisis?

• There is no place for for-profit institutions in community development
Low Hanging Fruit

- Financial Literacy / Financial counseling
- Basic work skills training
- Housing counseling
- Student mentoring
- Housing rehab
Teaming Partners

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