

MISSION STATEMENT

The TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS (TACDC) is dedicated to improving the lives of low and moderate income Texans by strengthening the capacity of community development organizations and generating the resources and relationships that enhance and sustain the community development industry in Texas.

STAFF

Steve Carriker
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Deena Perkins
DIRECTOR OF POLICY
& RESEARCH

Fiona Mazurenko
DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP
& COMMUNICATIONS

Robyn Murphy
OFFICE MANAGER

ADVOCACY

The TACDC Advocacy Program ensures that CDCs are heard at the State Legislature and Congress by utilizing TACDC's original research to advocate for increased funding for successful community development programs, removing statutory barriers that hinder community-based development, and to guard against policies that are harmful to community building activities. Recent accomplishments include:

- ★ Maintained CDCs' ability to participate in statewide housing programs.
- ★ Fought for the protection of the property tax exemption for CHDOs.
- ★ Helped to significantly increase the Private Activity Bond allocation available for housing development.

CATALYST CAPACITY BUILDING

TACDCs helps increase CDC capacity in Texas by focusing on strengthening the seven elements found in successful community development organizations: (1) Planning; (2) Staffing & Personnel Management; (3) Governance; (4) Financial & Information Systems; (5) Production & Program Delivery; (6) Asset Management; and (7) Community Relations & Resource Development. **Capacity Building Benefits Include:**

- ★ The opportunity to apply for free capacity building assessments and capacity building grants.
- ★ Discounted training on various CDC-related issues, including: How to Start a CDC, and more.
- ★ Hands-on technical assistance from community development experts.
- ★ Mentoring and networking opportunities with other CDCs.

LONE STAR CED INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

TACDC invites your organization to participate in one of our most exciting programs aimed at capacity building for Texas CDCs. This Texas Community Education Development (CED) Lone Star Internship Program was created to offer our growing network of CDCs access to a pool of qualified candidates who seek an in-depth experience with the community development industry.

- ★ Opportunity for additional staffing with graduate interns currently studying CED.
- ★ Offer "hands-on" experiential training to a potential future employee of a CDC.
- ★ Begin establishing relationships with universities and colleges for recruiting, research, and other collaborations.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ★ Legislative and administrative advocacy on issues that directly affect your community organization. We ensure our members' voices are heard and make a difference at the local, state, and federal level.
- ★ Discounted registration rates to our annual conferences, seminars, and state-wide trainings.
- ★ Eligibility for TACDC scholarships to annual conferences, seminars, and trainings with the Catalyst program – Knowledge and skills that work for you!
- ★ Continuing education courses to assist individuals and organizations involved in the community development field to acquire and sharpen their skills while maintaining their professional certification.
- ★ Sponsorship of a 401k plan to fit the needs of your organization.
- ★ Subscription to our e-newsletter that provides legislative, agency, and industry news, as well as being a resource for listings on upcoming grants, conferences, and trainings.
- ★ Linked listing on our website and inclusion in our published Membership Directory.
- ★ Access to top-notch, industry specific research published by TACDC.
- ★ Access to the services of our CDFI, Texas Community Capital.
- ★ Eligibility for the Texas CED Lone Star Internship Program. TACDC provides 50% of a student intern's stipend while they assist in challenging projects essential to your organization's success.
- ★ Membership networking via state-wide conferences and trainings.

