Workgroup Roles and Responsibilities

The Center for Disability-Inclusive Community Development (CDICD), managed by National Disability Institute (NDI), is working to build awareness that people with disabilities are a part of all communities and advocating to ensure that the needs of the disability community are included in community development activities. These activities may include enhancing affordable housing, creating workforce development opportunities and building the financial knowledge of low- and moderate-income (LMI) individuals with disabilities and their families.

CDICD creates an opportunity to reexamine the approaches, roles and responsibilities of stakeholders to proactively address the financial access and economic opportunity needs of people with disabilities through community development.

The CDICD Workgroup is comprised of thought leaders from the disability, community development and financial services communities. The Workgroup meets four times a year via Zoom for one hour. As a Workgroup participant, you will:

- Advise CDICD on the most effective strategies to raise awareness with diverse stakeholders in the banking, disability and community development space about disability-inclusive community development.
- Through referral and networking, foster greater connectivity between financial institutions and consumer and service provider organizations well suited to collaborate on disability-inclusive community development initiatives.
- Assist the CDICD in identifying the most appropriate examples of CRA/community development “success stories” for promotion as “how to” illustrations of effective partnership between the disability and financial institutions.
- Support the CDICD in identifying and learning about the most relevant, reliable and compelling sources of data documenting both the correlation between disability and poverty and delineating geographic concentrations of low- and moderate-income people with disabilities.
- To ensure the ongoing sustainability of the CDICD, recommend strategies for marketing and funding the CDICD’s mission and work promoting disability-inclusive community development.
- Guide the long-term direction of the CDICD by setting ambitious multi-year goals and objectives for future activities and growth.

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