



Improving Access to Community Development Capital Series

“The ABCs of Opportunity Finance: Understanding TIFs, CDFIs, CDCs and More”

The session is the second in a series of meetings resulting from the Bank’s 2005 summit, “Improving Access to Community Development Capital,” held at Washington University in St. Louis last fall.

This seminar is about alternative structures to attract investment and build economic value in neighborhoods. Discussions will include the nuts-and-bolts of project partnering, using available resources, getting to scale, financial planning, tangible outcomes and positive effects.

Agenda

Welcome and introductions

Panel Discussions

(2 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

Panel 1 – Tax Increment Finance

Bob Kunze, deputy commissioner, Department of Planning and Development,
City of Chicago

Ken Christian, Grand Center

Chris Goodson, Gilded Age, Inc.

Carol Levinson Waggoner, manager, development financing, Peckham Guyton
Albers & Viets, Inc.

Panel 2 - CDCs and Other Cooperative Ventures

Brian Fogle, vice president, community development, Great Southern Bank

Betsy Slosar, vice president, economic development, International Institute

Panel 3 – Community Finance and Investment Funds

Sheri Flanigan-Vazquez, economic development director, Justine Petersen Housing and Reinvestment Corp. and Great Rivers Community Capital

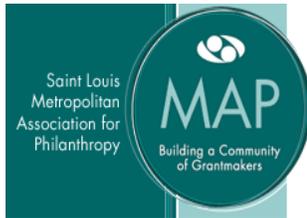
Philip Minden, senior deputy director, Fannie Mae-St. Louis and Choices Credit Union

John Farrell, CEO, Illinois Ventures for Community Action and Shawnee Ventures Fund

Social Hour (Atrium/Rooftop Terrace)

(5 p.m. to 6 p.m.)

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Session 3 - Emerging Neighborhood Markets: Investing in the health of neighborhood businesses to strengthen the region's economy

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006

Location: Lafayette Square, SqWires Annex

Session 4 - Venture Philanthropy: Fueling the economic engine through charitable investment

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006

Location: to be announced

Related upcoming events:

Neighborhood Characteristics Matter...When Businesses Look for a Location

Date: July 19, 2006

Location: Hilton St. Louis Frontenac

Information: www.stlouisfed.org/community/conferences.html