



Call for Nominations The 2014 Community Reinvestment Awards

Excellence in Cross-Sector Community Development Collaboration

About the Awards

The CDFI Fund, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency invite nominations for the 2014 Community Reinvestment Awards, as part of the 2014 National Interagency Community Reinvestment Conference. The Community Reinvestment Awards recognize and honor the work of financial institutions that are advancing innovative solutions to the challenges facing lower-income communities. The year's award will focus on **cross-sector community development collaborations**. The community development field recognizes that no single organization or sector can effectively address the scale of need in low- and moderate-income communities. Instead, new and often unlikely partners are starting to work together to combine their expertise and resources to develop comprehensive solutions. The awards are meant to showcase innovative community development collaborations that are taking place across the country, recognizing that financial institutions have an important role to play in their success.

Financial institutions are invited to submit nominations that detail the cross-sector collaboration in which they are involved. Nonprofits, community development finance institutions, local government agencies and community development corporations may also submit nominations on behalf of their partnering financial institution.

Nominations must be for a financial institution with a federal CRA obligation.

Recipients of the award will be recognized at a special awards program at the 2014 National Interagency Community Reinvestment Conference, to be held in Chicago, Illinois March 30 – April 2, 2014. Winning financial institutions will receive three (3) complimentary conference registrations which they can use for their staff or to sponsor representatives from partnering nonprofits.

Selection of Award Winners

A panel of judges will evaluate and vote on the submissions. Nominators will be asked to respond to the following prompts:

1. Please briefly describe the initiative and the nominated financial institution's role (250 words max)
2. Please describe why the nominated initiative deserves to win the award, using the criteria below: (500 words max)
 - *Effective use of partnerships*: How does the initiative collaborate across a diverse group of stakeholders?
 - *Flexibility and innovation*: How does the initiative demonstrate flexibility or innovation, given the difficult economic environment?
 - *Impact*: What has been the impact of this initiative on lower-income communities?

To Submit a Nomination

The nomination submission form is available online at <http://www.frbsf.org/community-development/events/2014/march/national-interagency-community-reinvestment-conference-chicago>

All nominations must be submitted by 5 P.M. (Pacific Time) on February 14, 2014. All nominees will be contacted with the results by the end February 2014. For questions about the awards or the nomination process, please contact Norma Polanco-Boyd at norma.polancoboyd@occ.treas.gov.