



Peer-Recommended Training Resources

This list features training resources recommended by community development professionals. These suggestions were collected as part of the [Cultivating Community Development Professionals](#) webinar, which is part of our [Grounding Values in Research](#) project. We deeply appreciate the contributions of our community and are excited to share their valuable insights with you.

This list comprises training resources generated by our community members that participated in our Conversation Catalyst. While we are grateful for the contributions, we have not independently verified the content or quality of these resources. We encourage users to review each resource and use their discretion in determining its applicability and reliability for their needs.

Books and Articles

[Capacity Building Through Effective Meaningful Engagement: A Tool for Local and State Governments](#)

"This booklet is intended to help local and state government officials create or expand their plan for engaging meaningfully with the communities most affected by their actions."

[Escaping the Housing Trap: The Strong Towns Response to the Housing Crisis](#)

This book helped me understand so much about housing. - Peer endorsement

"Your city is reckoning with a housing crisis. Learn what power you have to heal your town's housing market."

[Grounding Values in Research Reports](#)

"This multi-year research project examines the financial health, activities, production, and leadership of community development organizations throughout the United States. The results provide critical data to cultivate their effectiveness and advocate for funding and support. This public dataset is available to students and scholars for additional exploration."

[Talking Values](#)

“Talking Values: Soulful Conversations within Community Economic Development, is a series of essays and responses that will provoke and prompt discussion in five topic areas important to the future of the field.”

Individuals

[Flossie O’Leary](#)

Flossie O’Leary conducts a “question-storming” exercise that is quite beneficial. - Peer Review

“Aligns Strategy: Imagine strategies that line up to vision and down to shape operations.

Fuels Growth: Picture connecting with funders & investors aligned with your value proposition.

Amplifies Impact: Envision building trust with engaged stakeholders who share your purpose.”

I had no formal training, but learned from seasoned engineers. - Peer suggestion

Workshops and Fellowships

[Asset Based Community Development](#)

“The Asset-Based Community Development Institute (ABCD) is at the center of a large and growing movement that considers local assets as the primary building blocks of sustainable community development.”

[CivicLab Stakeholder Engagement Process](#)

“As the adage says, if you can’t describe what you are doing as a process, then you may not know what you are doing. By teaching community teams how to redesign the way they relate to one another and work together, we help our partners build and lead social systems that better serve all people and improve the human condition.”

[Gathering Ground - Elevating Equity](#)

“In a series of six sequential workshops, attendees bring their own personal backgrounds and professional expertise that span race, class, gender, and experiences to dig into anti-oppression work together.”

[Grow America - formerly National Development Council](#)

[Grow America] provides professional training and certifications in specific financing and real estate development strategies for both affordable housing and commercial/community space projects... scholarships are often available, and regional/state training options as well. – Peer endorsement

“When NDC comes to you, participants are given the opportunity to discuss local development projects with colleagues in a classroom setting, while at the same time developing the analytical skills required to see your project through financing.”

[National CAPACD’s Community in the Capital \(CITC\) Fellowship](#)

“CITC is a policy advocacy fellowship for staff at National CAPACD member organizations. CITC aims to increase the national presence and visibility of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AA and NHPI) community-based organizations and emerging leaders, and bridge the gap between local and federal policy advocacy.”

[NeighborWorks Achieving Excellence Program](#)

“The NeighborWorks Achieving Excellence Program is an opportunity for you to transform your organization for greater impact. Join 49 other high-performing CEOs and senior leaders of community-serving organizations in taking advantage of a valuable opportunity to address your top organizational challenge or opportunity—one that you and your organization define.”

[NeighborWorks Training Institutes](#)

“The NeighborWorks Training Institute (NTI) is a five-day mobile university held twice each year in major cities throughout the United States. At this “mobile university” we train professionals who work in organizations that are large and small; nonprofit, for-profit and governmental; inner-city, suburban and rural.”

We need bolder advocacy webinars and resources on what 501(3)c' s can legally do in lobbying, with details about judiciary advocacy. - Peer suggestion

Websites and Providers

[Anti-Racist Alliance](#)

“The formal education offered through the foundational workshops launches graduates into higher levels of intervention that requires new thinking and the learning of models that have demonstrated improved outcomes. We invite you to be part of our movement to advance institutional change for racial equity.”

[The CaseMade](#)

They have monthly peer-support calls that are popular with community development folks. Tiffany Manuel (better known as Dr. T) leads the organization. She was VP of Knowledge, Impact, & Strategy at Enterprise Community Partners. - Peer endorsement

“TheCaseMade's mission is to transform communities by helping everyday heroes emerge as leaders who can powerfully build the public will necessary to tackle the tough issues that determine our future. We do that by helping leaders build skills around the principles of Strategic CaseMaking.”

[The Center for Community Innovation](#)

“The Center for Community Innovation (CCI) combines community-engaged research and urban data analytics to build more equitable and resilient futures. The Center houses our three major projects: the Equitable Development Data Insight Training (EDDIT), the Urban Displacement Project (UDP), and the California ADU project.”

[Collective Impact](#)

“We’re here to help communities collaborate to reach their goals. We provide resources, host events, and offer coaching for people working to advance equity and achieve systems change using a collective impact approach to collaboration.”

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