



Membership Application

Please complete this application and mail with the materials below to: Shirronda Almeida, Director of Membership Initiatives, MACDC, 15 Court Square, Boston, MA 02108. Your membership applications should include:

- A copy of your organization's by-laws
- A list of current board of directors, including an indication of whether they live or work within the service area of the organization and/or represent your core constituency.
- Information describing your organization's activities, such as annual report, or brochure.

After submitting the application and attachments, all membership applications must be approved by the MACDC Board of Directors. Once a membership is approved, MACDC will send an invoice for dues.

<i>Organization:</i>	<i>Website:</i>	
<i>Executive Director:</i>	<i>Tel</i>	<i>email</i>
<i>Board President:</i>	<i>Tel</i>	<i>email</i>
<i>Address:</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Zip</i>
What communities do you serve?		
State senate district service areas / house district		

Membership Type: (check one)

Please note: Organizations eligible for Voting Membership may not choose to be Associate Members.

- I. Voting Membership - Organizations can become a full voting member of MACDC by falling into one of the three categories below. Please check the box if your organization.**
 - is in conformance with the definition of a CDC found in [M.G.L. Chapter 40H](#), or
 - is incorporated in MA and is certified as a Community Housing Development Organization, or
 - meets all of the following criteria:
 1. is incorporated as a non-profit corporation under Chapter 180, MA General Laws,
 2. is certified as 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service,
 3. The primary goal of the organization is community economic development activities that benefit low and moderate income people and/or communities, including at least one of the following: affordable housing, rehabilitation or management, small business development, or asset development.
 4. The organization must focus a substantial majority of its efforts on serving a specific place or a defined constituency. Organizations that are not place-based may define their constituency in other ways such as race, ethnicity or income, but must represent a traditionally disadvantaged group.
 5. The organization demonstrates that their constituency is meaningfully represented on the board of directors and has a voice in the governance and activities of the organization.
 6. If a membership organization, then membership must be open to all constituents, although membership may also be open to non-constituents. Discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, age, gender, or sexual orientation shall not be allowed.
- II. Associate Membership – Non-profit organizations that support the goals of community economic development, engaged in activities similar to those of community development corporations, and which does not meet the criteria for Voting Membership may join as an Associate Member. Unincorporated organizations are eligible for associate membership if they operate with a non-profit fiscal sponsor or if they are in the process of establishing their nonprofit status.**
- Please check here if your organization embraces & supports MACDC’s mission, core values and vision statements. This is required for both full voting members and associate members. (See reverse)**



MACDC Mission

The Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations (MACDC) is an association of mission-driven community development organizations dedicated to working together and with others to create places of opportunity where people of diverse incomes and backgrounds access housing that is affordable, benefit from economic opportunities and fully participate in the civic life of their community. We achieve this by building and sustaining a high performing and adaptive community development sector that is supported by private and public investment and sound public policies.

MACDC's Vision for Massachusetts

We envision a Commonwealth of interconnected communities where people of different incomes, ethnicities, races and backgrounds live with dignity and fulfillment.

We envision communities that encourage all residents, including once disenfranchised residents, to participate in civic processes that define the physical, economic, educational and cultural characteristics that distinguish these communities.

We see a Massachusetts where all people build assets and realize the benefits of a healthy economy which provides full employment at good wages, stable housing at affordable prices, and strong public supports for human needs.

We see a community development movement led by a diverse and democratic leadership that is at the forefront, in both substance and process, when determining public policy and development priorities that serve the long-term interests of communities.

We envision government and the private sector working in partnership with the community development movement to achieve excellence in the projects we undertake and to promote a true "common wealth" for all who live in Massachusetts.

Core Values Guiding MACDC

Community Leadership: We believe in building the power and leadership of communities in Massachusetts by fostering connections and supporting civic participation by all residents, in particular those who have traditionally had less power such as people of modest income, people of color, immigrants, tenants, youth and the disabled. We believe community residents should have a decisive voice in shaping the future of their communities and their own lives and the ability to create local organizations through which they can work together to achieve common goals.

Economic Opportunity: We believe that everyone deserves a fair and genuine opportunity to participate in the economic mainstream and achieve economic security. This means that we must provide the access and the tools that enable people to succeed and address structural obstacles that prevent many of us from fully benefiting from the economic opportunities available in our communities.

Inclusion: We seek to create inclusive communities where all people are welcomed regardless of their ethnicity, race, income, age or abilities. We seek to create a community development field that is reflective of the people we serve.

Innovation: We value inventiveness, ambition, creativity and the ability to take risks as distinguishing characteristics of the community development field. We are committed to finding new and innovative ways to achieve our goals in response to the changing context for our work.

Performance and Accountability: We believe in promoting excellence in both process and production. Our field is defined by our ability to achieve tangible, sustainable results -- new homes, jobs, businesses and investment -- while upholding a participatory and transparent process that ensures accountability to the local community, public agencies, private investors and other stakeholders.

Collaboration: We believe that collaboration is essential to building stronger communities and achieving our vision for greater economic opportunity. We build and sustain local, statewide and national collaborations and networks that enable our members and others to make more efficient use of limited resources while achieving greater impact and addressing regional and national challenges.