

Member Benefits



MACDC core values include building community power and economic justice, challenging racism, and encouraging entrepreneurship. Our member initiatives are grounded in these values, and include peer groups, networking events, trainings and special programs.

Public Policy Advocacy: MACDC members shape and direct our public policy efforts through participation in MACDC's Board of Directors, committees, membership meetings, and working with MACDC staff. Members receive regular email updates and action alerts; have opportunities to participate in meetings with key public officials.

For more information on how you can participate in our policy efforts please contact Allisons@macdc.org

Mel King Institute for Community Building: the Institute expands access to high quality training opportunities by bringing national training programs to Massachusetts. The Mel King Institute is a collaborative enterprise led by MACDC and Boston LISC that leverages the resources of many institutions such as MassHousing and DHCD. Learn about upcoming trainings and how you can access our professional development scholarships on melkinginstitute.org

For more information please contact Shirrondaa@macdc.org

Practitioner "Peer" Groups

MACDC members come together to network, host discussions and share issues related to their roles:

- **Boston Committee** for Executive Directors in Boston. (Contact Joe Kriesberg at Joek@macdc.org)
- **Housing and Real Estate Group** is for real estate professionals. (Contact Don Bianchi, Donb@macdc.org)
- **Organizers Network** is for community organizers. Contact Pam Bender, Pamelab@macdc.org)
- **Small Business Development Group** is for practitioners that provide services to small businesses (Contact Joe Kriesberg at Joek@macdc.org)
- **Small Cities Group** is for members serving smaller cities.(Contact Joe Kriesberg at Joek@macdc.org)

The Alliance: Advancing Community Development by Confronting Racism: The Alliance is a coalition of over 35 organizations from the community development field working to increase the diversity of our organizations. The mission of the Alliance is to increase the racial and ethnic diversity of leadership of the community development field by confronting racism. The coalition serves as a forum for learning and dialogue on how to overcome institutional racism; hosts the Community Development Mentoring Program and recently completed a manual for the Recruitment, Hiring and Retention of professionals of color in community development.

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Western Mass Community Development Collaborative (WMCDC): is a cooperative effort of 10 CDCs representing 105 communities in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden County. The Collaborative aims to build the organizational, political and financial infrastructure necessary to allow long-term, sustainable, broad-based, equitable community development in the region.

Green CDC Initiative: MACDC collaborates with the New Ecology Inc, LISC and others provide training, technical assistance and access to funding for members who are pursuing environmentally sound development projects.

For more information contact Don Bianchi, Donb@macdc.org

Member Services

Please contact Shirronda.A@macdc.org for more information on these benefits.

TANGO- MACDC members are now a part of TANGO, The Alliance for Non-Profit Growth and Opportunity, which offers a range of professional services at a great value. Non-profits tap into the collective clout, expert insight, and management resources at rates ordinarily beyond the reach of individual organizations. Together, members can collaborate with other non-profits while benefiting from negotiated employee benefit plans, receive discounted consulting, and business services.

BU Metropolitan College - MACDC is now a Preferred Educational Partner with Boston University's Met College, a fully accredited, highly ranked institution whose purpose is to serve the educational needs of working professionals. The College is well known for its exceptional programs and convenient study venues - from the Boston and Chelmsford campuses to desktops online. MACDC Members are eligible for a 5% tuition discount each semester and may choose from undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs at Boston University's Metropolitan College.

Group Sponsored Insurance Program - MACDC offers our members a group sponsored insurance program, through Mazonson, Inc. which provides specialized property and casualty insurance products at a discounted price. This program offers a full range of insurance products. Please contact Mark Bailey at mbailey@mazonson.com to learn how your organization can save!

Third Sector New England- MACDC has partnered with TSNE to provide our members with quality nonprofit Capacity Building trainings at a reduced price.

Media Library- MACDC has compiled a list of Video Cassetts, DVD's and Books for our members to borrow. You can access these materials by visiting our website, www.macdc.org

Networks: MACDC supports members in gaining access to state and national networks such as the National Association of Community Economic Development Associations (NACEDA), National Community Reinvestment Corporation (NCRC), The Massachusetts Workforce Alliance, The Smart Growth Alliance, The Building Blocks Coalition, The Asset Development Coalition, and the Massachusetts Non-Profit Network.

Technical Assistance: MACDC staff is available to provide direct technical assistance to our members in a number of areas, including affordable housing development, the Community Reinvestment Act, economic development, fund-raising, organizational management, executive director transitions, and crisis management. We can also link you to other professionals who can provide more intensive assistance.

Publications: receive copies of all our publications such as the GOALS Initiative reports, the Journal of Community Power Building, and policy papers. These are also available on our website.

Promoting your Organization: MACDC promotes the individual accomplishments of members in our publications, by informing the media, and sharing success stories with local and national government leaders.

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