



Thriving Networks Assessment

The National Alliance of Community Economic Development Networks (NACEDA) is an alliance of 36 state and regional community development associations in 25 states and the District of Columbia. NACEDA members are champions, stewards, and thought leaders for community development at the state and local level.

NACEDA has identified 12 areas of organizational function that are important to community development network organizations.

Member Capacity Building

Design, deliver, & leverage training, technical support, & resources to help members meet needs.



Financial Stability

Raise diverse financial resources for ourselves & members & influence the funding environment to help the field grow.



Impact Measurement

Track & measure the impact of our work & the work of members, partners, & local/state policymakers.



Membership

Develop & deliver member benefits & services that support or enhance the sector.



Partnership

Establish quality relationships with other people & organizations to support member capacity building.



Movement Building

Create holistic change to advance economic justice, equity, & wholeness for neighborhoods & communities.



Policy & Advocacy

Determine policy priorities & develop advocacy strategies to mobilize a broad constituency of allies.



Association-to-Association Networking

Maintain relationships & collaborate with fellow community development associations.



Research/Think Tank

Use research & analysis to understand the environment & inform policy agendas & innovative practices.



Communications

Convey information through effective, innovative, & alternative avenues to advance mission & policy agenda.



Org Leadership

Staff & board are accountable & use defined governance practices, strategic planning, & participatory decision-making.



Internal Management

Manage the org to both support staff & volunteers who carry out the work & to reassure outsiders of solvency & stability.

