

COMMUNITY FAQ, v1.0

Investing in Community Network

Why are we, the community, filling out this Profile?

(Any or all of the following may apply):

1. Community needs to pre-qualify existing or potential community members

You want to make living in your community more accessible and affordable - and are willing to investigate various ways of accomplishing it.
2. We have identified a potential community member or members who cannot afford to live in the community.
3. We have an existing community member or members that cannot afford to stay in the community;
4. We want to attract additional sources of socially-responsible and mission-driven capital.

Who within the community should fill out this form?

(Best option contingent upon size and structure of community):

1. Entire community - this may already be largely done if your community has a mission statement which expresses your core community values
2. Community committee, e.g., Financial Committee, Membership Committee, etc.

What is being asked of your community?

1. To specifically determine and articulate the nature of “community sponsorship” (level, type, kind) that it may be willing to provide to potential community member(s);
2. To explore how community will interface, engage and interact with outside investors, that a) mitigates risk and b) enhances quality of experience for both members and investors.
3. To identify community members who will to work with the investors to minimize and possibly share risk... and to explore ways to minimize and share risk.
4. To identify community members who can provide support - financial and/or non-financial.
5. To decide how/if community resources and needs (e.g., garden, care-giving, common house infrastructure) can be used to facilitate economic opportunity, internal safety net, or source of supplementary/back-up income for residents.
6. To explore creative options and offerings for any interested investor to engage with your community as more than a money lender.

What do we, the Investing in Community Network, need from your Community to help us be of the greatest service?

1. Assistance in the due diligence research. As the local point of contact, this may include requesting and gathering information to demonstrate applicant’s financial need.
2. To examine community values and establish community expectations, in a way that both investor and potential community member(s) can make a better-informed values match.