

## 2016 COMMUNITY FIRST<sup>®</sup> AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The *Community First<sup>®</sup> Awards* were established to celebrate the successes of Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago (FHBLC) members and their local partners as they work together to strengthen the communities they serve.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Nominee (name of partnership, program, project, or person):**

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(If submitting electronically, type name of  
nominator)*

## 2016 CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

Please select up to two categories for which this nomination should be considered.

### **PARTNERSHIP**

*Recognizes the collective, ongoing efforts of a multidisciplinary team of stakeholders to make positive and long-lasting impacts.*

Nominators should respond to the following:

1. Provide a description of the partnership. If relevant, include the start date, cost, funding source(s), and individuals and organizations involved.
2. How was the FHLBC member involved? What, if any, FHLBC community investment resources were utilized?
3. What problem or opportunity was the partnership designed to address?
4. Describe the accomplishments of the partnership, including any measures of success.
5. What challenges or obstacles needed to be overcome? Include any lessons learned

### **PROJECT OR PROGRAM**

*Recognizes an outstanding single- or multi-family project, or an innovative program, in support of a broader community and/or economic development strategy. Projects must have completed construction within the last three years and be in either Illinois or Wisconsin to be eligible in this category.*

Nominators should respond to the following:

1. Provide a description of the project or program. If relevant, include the start date, cost, funding source(s), and individuals and organizations involved.
2. How was the FHLBC member involved? What, if any, FHLBC community investment resources were utilized?
3. What problem or opportunity was the project or program designed to address?
4. Describe any measures of success.
5. What challenges or obstacles needed to be overcome? Include any lessons learned.

### **PIONEER**

*Recognizes a career of achievements of an individual who has demonstrated an ongoing dedication to investing his/her time and improving his/her surroundings through community and/or economic development activities. His/her characteristics may include perseverance, consensus building, the ability to share knowledge, and a steadfast vision. Eligible nominees may be employed by an FHLBC member or a partner organization.*

Nominators should respond to the following:

Explain how the contributions of this individual truly make him/her a community development champion. Where appropriate, please refer to specific projects, programs, and/or accomplishments.

### **EMERGING LEADER**

*Recognizes the promise of an individual new to the affordable housing and/or community development field (defined as ten or fewer years). His/her characteristics may include natural curiosity, confidence, receptivity to considering new or unconventional approaches, and humility. Eligible nominees may be employed by an FHLBC member or a partner organization.*

Nominators should respond to the following:

What makes this individual poised to become a leader in the next generation of community developers? Where appropriate, please refer to specific projects, programs, and/or accomplishments.

## GUIDELINES

1. Nominations are only accepted from FHLBC shareholders and housing associates.
2. There is not a maximum number of nominations a member may submit.
3. Nominees may be considered in up to two categories.
4. Individuals serving on the FHLBC Board of Directors or the Community Investment Advisory Council are ineligible to be considered in the Pioneer or Emerging Leader categories.
5. Each Community First<sup>®</sup> Award provides an unrestricted \$10,000 stipend.
6. Nominees may be individuals, public agencies, for-profit and/or not-for-profit organizations; however, the stipend may only be payable to a not-for-profit organization. Therefore, if the award winner is an individual, public agency, or for-profit organization, the stipend will be made payable to a not-for-profit organization of the awardee's designation.
7. Nominations are limited to this nomination form plus five (5) additional pages of narrative and/or supplementary documents. Photos are encouraged, if appropriate, and are not considered part of the five pages.
8. Award announcements will be made in March 2016.

The nomination form and attachment(s) may be saved as a single .pdf file and submitted via email.

**NOMINATION DEADLINE:**

Must be received by 5:00 p.m. CT  
on Friday, January 22, 2016

**Email Nominations to:** [tklont@fhlbc.com](mailto:tklont@fhlbc.com)

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