



Missouri Community Betterment Educational Fund, Inc.

Missouri Community Betterment Participating Communities that would like to be considered for a Missouri Department of Economic Development/Missouri Community Betterment “Feels Like Home Tour” should complete and submit the attached form by February 17, 2017 to the address below. The form is also available at www.MOCommunityBetterment.com.

A tentative list of MCB Participating Communities selected to participate in the 2017 “Feels Like Home Tours” will be announced in early March, 2017.

Application Process:

To be eligible, a MCB Participating Community must meet the following 4 criteria:

- a. Must be a MCB Participating Community in good standing
- b. The community must have submitted a new or revised Community Assessment Form/Plan to the MCB office in the past 24 months as well as submit it with the application
- c. A thoroughly completed community application must be submitted by the February 17, 2017 deadline
- d. Indicate the key players who will be participating in the visit (i.e.: City, Economic Development organization, MCB organization)

As part of the final selection process, geographical/population variables will be considered to provide a representative balance to the MoDED/MCB site visits.

Assessment Meeting:

- If your community is selected for a tour, MCB staff will contact you to set up an initial Assessment Meeting.
- The Assessment Meeting will include Luke Holtschneider (MoDED), Teresa Keller (MCB) and community leaders who have experience, input and suggestions relevant to the topics submitted in your FLHT application. Examples include:
 1. Elected Officials – Mayor and City Council
 2. Local MCB Group
 3. School Superintendent and School Board
 4. Youth Group
 5. Local Chamber of Commerce & Local Businesses
 6. Other groups identified based upon the community goals
- The Assessment Meeting will allow MCB and MoDED representatives to gather the necessary information and determine a direction moving forward that will allow them to reach out to the appropriate resource agencies for further review and assistance. Following the Assessment Meeting MCB/MoDED staff will contact you to set up a Workshop Day.

Workshop Day:

- The Workshop Day will include Luke Holtschneider (MoDED), Teresa Keller (MCB), your key community leaders and representatives from resource agencies that can offer guidance, funding options and/or technical assistance.



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**Agency representatives to participate in the Workshop Day may include
a combination of the following resource agencies:**

Missouri Department of Economic Development
Missouri Community Betterment
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
University of Missouri-Extension
Missouri Department of Transportation
Missouri Municipal League
U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development
Missouri Division of Tourism
Missouri Workforce Investment Board/Career Center
Financing programs
Legislators
Regional Planning Commission