



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 Community Visit should complete and submit the attached form by December 4, 2015 to the address below. The form is also available at www.MOCommunityBetterment.com.

A tentative list of MCB Participating Communities to be visited by Missouri Department of Economic Development representatives and the team of other professionals will be announced in early January, 2016.

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 December 4, 2015 deadline
- d. Indicate the key players who will be participating in the visit (ie: 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 DED site visits.

Team members to participate in the site visit 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

Meeting process for the site visit will follow the following pattern and be organized by the selected community*

- Initial welcome meeting – brief review of community goals
- Tour the community including areas identified as relevant to community goals
- Meet with small groups:
 - a. Elected Officials – Mayor and City Council
 - b. Local MCB Group
 - c. School Superintendent and School Board
 - d. Youth Group
 - e. Local Chamber of Commerce & Local Businesses
 - f. Other groups identified based upon the community goals
- The small groups are encouraged to attend the assessment team suggestion meeting at the end of the visit.
- Lunch or Dinner (provided based on the time of the visit)
- DED/MCB group meeting with combined group to give an opportunity to discuss the team suggestions. (approximately 1-2 hours)

**Date and time will be coordinated with each selected community*