Dear Community Partner,

The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland invites your organization to submit a proposal to our Investment Connection program, your opportunity to pitch—on-line and in-person—community and economic development projects that are likely to be Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)-eligible to potential funders (banks, foundations, and government agencies).* If you have a proposal that addresses the needs of low- and moderate-income populations in Erie County, Pennsylvania, particularly with respect to supporting a resilient workforce, we hope you will take this opportunity and submit it for consideration. Proposals should be related to one of the following:

- Affordable housing/healthy communities
- Asset building/financial access, capability, and empowerment
- Broadband services/digital inclusion
- Community services and facilities
- Small business development/microlending
- Workforce development/economic development

Register now: Erie County, Pennsylvania

- **April 9:** Investment Connection Orientation and CRA Training
  - Bayfront Convention Center, Erie, Pennsylvania | Register
- **April 23:** Informational drop-in call to answer questions about the RFP process.
  - 1:00–2:00 pm
  - 1.855.377.2663; participant code 40570857. | Register
- **May 7:** Deadline to submit your proposal to the Investment Connection portal. Please be sure to attach your most recent reviewed or audited financials.
- **June 11:** Selected proposals will be presented before an audience of funders (Erie, Pennsylvania)

For the June 11 event, up to eight proposals will be selected for presenting. You will have five minutes to share information about your organization and your specific proposal, utilizing a one-slide PowerPoint template we will provide. Proposal presentations will be followed by rounds of “speed networking” to give you an opportunity to answer questions and provide more details about your project to funders.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Completed and accepted submission
2. Project meets CRA eligibility*
3. Exhibited potential for impact
4. Submission of reviewed or audited financials
5. Alignment with the targeted geographic area. That is, the organization or project is or will be located within Erie County, Pennsylvania
**SUBMIT TODAY!**

We look forward to learning about your organization and discussing your community and economic development proposal.

Please email any additional questions to iccleveland@clev.frb.org.

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*Subject to CRA performance evaluation*