



Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the CAC and how is it different from a traditional advisory committee?

The CAC is a working, resident-led group with real influence. Members provide recommendations that shape funding priorities, program design, and long-term strategy for the Greenlining Fund. While final approvals rest with the Front Porch Investments Board, CAC guidance has historically driven decisions and resulted in meaningful shifts in approach.

Who can apply?

People with lived experience in or strong connections to historically redlined or disinvested neighborhoods in North Omaha, South Omaha, or Council Bluffs/Carter Lake.

You do not need formal professional experience in housing or policy. Lived experience and perspective matter most.

Do I need to be a homeowner?

No. Homeowners, renters, and people navigating housing challenges are all encouraged to apply.

What will I do as a CAC member?

CAC members:

- Attend monthly meetings
- Review materials and summaries in advance
- Share lived experience and neighborhood insight
- Participate in group discussions and learning
- Help shape priorities and recommendations

This is a working committee, but members are well-supported and provided with orientation and context to prepare them to serve.

What will the CAC focus on during the 2026–2027 term?

The upcoming term will focus heavily on learning, interpretation, and strategy. The focus this year is on shaping the direction of future work. As a result, this cohort will have a long-lasting impact on the future of the Greenlining Fund.

What is the regional homeownership strategy study?

Front Porch Investments is leading a multi-month regional study focused on homeownership access, stability, and wealth-building in historically redlined neighborhoods across Omaha and Council Bluffs.

The study will assess:

- Barriers facing homeowners and first-time buyers
- Existing programs and gaps across the ecosystem
- Neighborhood-level conditions
- National models that could be adapted locally

The findings and recommendations from this study will guide future Greenlining Fund investments and broader regional alignment.

How will CAC members be involved in the study?

CAC members will participate at key points, including:

- Framing priorities and research questions
- Participating in community input sessions to inform the study
- Reviewing and interpreting emerging findings
- Helping prioritize final recommendations

Members are not expected to conduct research, but their perspective will be essential to ensuring that findings reflect lived reality, not just data.

How much time does CAC participation take?

Most members spend about 4–6 hours per month, including meetings and preparation.

Is this a paid role?

Yes. CAC members are compensated at a living wage of **\$24 per hour**, paid quarterly.

How are meetings structured?

Meetings are facilitated by Front Porch staff with clear agendas and materials shared in advance.

Meetings typically include:

- Context-setting or learning segments
- Group discussion and sense-making
- Strategy or recommendation-focused conversations

What is the meeting schedule for 2026?

The CAC meets on the **second Thursday of each month**, typically in the late afternoon or evening.

Tentative 2026 meeting dates:

- March 12
- April 9
- May 14
- June 11
- July 9
- August 14
- September 10
- October 8
- November 12
- December 10

Additional meetings or community engagement activities may be scheduled as needed.

What happens if I miss a meeting?

Members are expected to attend at least **80% of meetings**. Virtual participation is available when needed. If attendance becomes an issue, staff will check in to determine whether continued participation makes sense for both the member and the committee.

Do I need to speak publicly or be an advocate?

No. Some members are more vocal, others contribute through listening, reflection, and research. There is no single “right” way to participate.

Is training or onboarding provided?

Yes. New members receive orientation, background materials, and ongoing support from Front Porch staff.

How long is the commitment?

CAC members serve a two-year term.

Where can I apply?

The application can be found here – [**Greenlining Fund Application**](#). Applications are due by **Monday, February 16th**.

What happens after I apply?

Applications will be reviewed by Front Porch staff with attention to lived experience, geographic representation, and balance of perspectives across the committee. Selected applicants will be contacted directly in late February and guided through onboarding in early March.

Who can I contact with questions?

Questions about the CAC or application process can be directed to Ms. Yo Williams at yolanda@frontporchinvestments.org.

Apply [here](#) by February 16, 2026!