The Leadership Journey II: Advanced Native CDFI Growth and Excellence
Introductions
Webinar Common Courtesies

• Be present and engage

• Mute your phone line

• Use the **chat box** for comments and questions

• Use **hand** for asking questions and responding

• Have fun learning and sharing!
Key Questions for Today

• What is a market study and when should you do one?

• How do you use a market study?

• What does a good market study look like and what does it cost?
(1) When was your most recent market study done?

(2) What was your experience with your most recent market study?
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Market study definition

“The gathering and studying of data relating to consumer preference, purchasing power, etc., usually done prior to marketing a new product.”
Poll #2

What was the main reason you had a market study done?
Why Do a Market Study?

1. Roll out a new loan product
2. Expand target market
3. Identify new opportunities
4. Support a funding application
Key Question to Ask Yourself

“What am I going to do with the information?”
Typically Includes:

- Secondary Data
- Primary Data
- Analysis

Recommendations/Decisions
It May Include:

**Primary Data**
- Lending data
- Customer surveys
- Interviews
- Focus groups

**Secondary Data**
- Census data
- CRA data
- HMDA data
- Tribal studies
- Web-based research
How Much Should a Market Study Cost?

- The more specific the questions, the more expensive
- You (usually) get what you pay for

If using a consultant, make sure they are asking you the right questions
Do It Yourself?

- Can staff do some of the leg work?
- Do you really need a full blown study?
Do It Yourself Tips/Tools

• Postcards/surveys to existing clients
• Talk to bankers
• Talk to existing businesses in your service area
• Have random people fill out a survey (make sure it’s random!)
• Stand in front of supermarket
• Look at historical lending data
• Look at change in HMDA denial rate and CRA lending in over a period of time
• Review census data
"Knowledge isn’t power until it is applied"

-Dale Carnegie

The Leadership Journey II (Peer Virtual Learning Session) - Market Analysis
Wrapping Up

• Closing reflections

• Evaluation
Thank you for your participation!

See you in Orlando, Florida!