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TCM Letter of Interest Form

The Thriving Community Model (TCM)

Thank you for your interest in the Thriving Community Model. This community-driven, place-based framework helps rural and economically distressed regions build the capacity, leadership, partnerships, and systems needed for long-term economic resilience and prosperity through comprehensive community assessment, leadership development, technical assistance, and direct investment in priority projects. Communities applying must be prepared with a group of local citizens to lead the effort and they must be prepared for an 18-24 month commitment if selected as a pilot community. Please complete this Letter of Interest to help us understand your community and its goals. Responses will be used to evaluate fit and readiness for participation in the program. SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 13, 2026 at 5:00PM

Timeline:

Informational webinar: 10/27

LOI due date: 11/13

Application invites sent: 12/1

Application webinar: 12/3

Application due date: 12/30

Selection notifications in February 2027

March 2027 – December 2028 Pilot Group 1 Project Period

October 2027- July 2029 Pilot Group 2 Project Period

Contact and Community Information

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Eligible County List: (Required)

Choose your county

Town/City (Required)

Primary Contact Name (Required)

First

Last

Primary Contact Title: (Required)

Address (Required)

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State

ZIP / Postal Code

Phone (Required)

Email (Required)

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Approximate Population Served: (Required)

Biomass Industry

This opportunity is for communities with current or recent biomass mill or supply chain industry closures. A biomass supply chain is the network of communities, businesses, landowners, transportation providers, processing facilities, and end users involved in the sourcing, collection, aggregation, transportation, processing, conversion, and utilization of biomass feedstocks. The supply chain encompasses all geographic areas that contribute labor, feedstock resources, infrastructure, economic activity, and environmental services necessary to produce biomass-derived products and energy.

Please provide any relevant information about the community's biomass industry history: (Required)

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(250 words or less)

Letter of Interest

Please respond to each question below as thoroughly as possible.

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What are your community's most pressing economic or workforce development challenges? (Required)

(250 words or less)

How will this program benefit your community? (Required)

(250 words or less)

Who is available to assist with or be involved in this process (e.g., local leaders, organizations, businesses, volunteers)? List 3-4 names, including title/affiliation (Required)

Name	Title	Affiliation

What existing local leadership, partnerships, or capacity does your community already have in place that could support this work, and where do you see the greatest need for outside support? What are some ongoing planning efforts locally (visioning efforts, advisory committees, comprehensive plan specifics, etc.)? (Required)

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(250 words or less)

Consent **(Required)**

I agree

By submitting this Letter of Interest, we confirm that the information provided is accurate and that our community is prepared to actively engage in the assessment, leadership development, and implementation process associated with the Thriving Community Model, should we be selected to participate. I understand and would be committed to this almost two-year program.

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