

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Kick Start



## To Community Leaders:

If your community needs a fresh start to come together and move forward, you are in luck. The Community Development Institute (CDI) at the University of Central Arkansas, in partnership with the U of A Division of Agriculture is offering a hands on experience for community development professionals that will take place in one Arkansas community. **That community could be yours!**

A team of CDI graduates will spend a day conducting an online assessment of the community, and a second day in the community interacting with citizens and community leaders, culminating with a community meeting to address the most pressing issues and opportunities.

The team will use the Breakthrough Solutions Model led by Dr. Mark Peterson, Professor of Community and Economic Development. The purpose of Breakthrough Solutions is to inspire and equip communities and regions to become vibrant, sustainable, and resilient in the 21st century economy.

## What Your Community Could Expect from Participating:

- A fresh look at your community - challenges and asset-based opportunities, from several perspectives by community and economic development professionals
- A prioritization of key issues and opportunities for your community
- The opportunity to receive follow-up technical assistance from CDI and Breakthrough Solutions for up to nine months with the development of a strategic action plan as the final product (valued at up to \$75,000)
- A full scholarship for one member of the community to attend the 2018 Community Development Institute and Breakthrough Solutions Conference

## Timeline and Next Steps:

- May 12, 2017 - Community application deadline
- June 2017 - Selection of community for Advanced Year CDI
- July 2017 - Community orientation meeting
- July 31 - August 4, 2017 - CDI team in community
- September - May 2018 - Monthly meetings and creation of action plan

## If You Have Questions, Contact:

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