

ACCESS FAQs

"When a community takes the time to get to know itself, it gains a sense of identity and purpose that informs decisions about its future." –Lyman Orton



What is ACCESS?

A grass-roots, adaptable community assessment program that assists communities in developing sustainable and innovative approaches to economic growth and better quality of life!

Does my community qualify for ACCESS?

Yes! If...

- 1) The community needs and wants to participate. (**Need**)
- 2) Community leaders fully support participation in **ACCESS**. (**Leadership**)
- 3) Participants reflect your community's cultural, economic and political perspectives. (**Community**)



How is ACCESS different?

ACCESS brings people together to build resident attachment and economically vibrant communities.



Who from my community would be involved in ACCESS?

- Elected Officials
- Economic Development Office
- Chamber of Commerce
- Business Leaders
- Community Volunteers
- Public Service Workers

What is the process?

ACCESS is a 4 phase process (but is adaptable for every community)

- Phase 1** – Laying the groundwork: AEDI community developers meet with community leaders.
- Phase 2** – Discovering the community: AEDI analyzes the survey distributed by community members.
- Phase 3** – Building a framework: AEDI community developers will present the survey analysis, conduct a SWOT assessment and help create achievable goals.
- Phase 4** – Taking action: AEDI provides assistance in putting your plan to work.



What will this cost my community?

Currently, **ACCESS** is fully funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration and there is no cost for communities.

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