Call for Projects

CMAP Thematic Priorities - Definitions

**Areas of Disinvestment**
Areas that have experienced a persistent, long-term lack of market investment, measured by a long term loss of jobs, low levels of lending to small businesses, and low property values (OR Areas that have experienced a loss of economic activity over a sustained period of time.)

**Economically Disconnected Areas (EDAs)**
Areas with a concentration of low income residents and historically disadvantaged groups.

**Economically Disconnected AND Disinvested Areas**
Both Economically Disconnected Areas (EDAs) and areas of disinvestment. EDAs have a concentration of historically disadvantaged groups, while areas of disinvestment have experienced a loss of economic activity over a sustained period.

**Disadvantaged populations**
Populations of low income residents and either marginalized residents or residents with limited proficiency in English.

**Community empowerment and equitable engagement**
The process of enabling communities to increase control over their lives and granting all equal opportunities in the decision-making process

**Communities**
Groups of people that may or may not be spatially connected, but who share common interests, concerns or identities.

**Traded clusters**
A regional concentration of related industries and firms that sell products and services outside of the region and gain specific competitive advantages from their close proximity, shared human capital assets, and improved access to inputs.