

Reading Tips and Study Questions

CLASS 21

Required reading

1. Living Cities, The Integration Initiative
2. Living Cities, The Integration Initiative
3. Living Cities Integration Initiative, Final Outcomes Report

Recommended reading

1. (video) [Learn from Three Years of Connecting People and Capital in Detroit](#) (Living Cities, 2014)

Session overview

Professor Karl Seidman will join us for a special session on his work with the Integration Initiative of the Living Cities consortium of foundations. Karl has part of the team evaluating the results of the first five-year effort to coordinate community development investment in five urban communities across the U.S.

Living Cities is a joint effort of many of the largest social investment foundations in the country, including Ford, MacArthur, Annie E. Casey, and many bank foundations. Living Cities grew out of the [National Community Development Initiative](#) (NCDI). NCDI, which included HUD and private funders in the 1990s, aimed primarily to build the capacity of the nonprofit affordable housing sector. But Living Cities has tackled broader, follow-on goals, including inclusive economic development.

The Integration Initiative encourages public, private, philanthropic and nonprofit leaders to work together to coordinate resources provided to improve the lives of low-income people and the cities where they live. The program served five urban regions in the first round of the Initiative: Baltimore, Cleveland, Detroit, Newark, N.J., and the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, Minn.

Study Question

1. How clear are the goals of LC's Integration Initiative, and what principal strategies does it rely on and why?

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