

2021 Current Fiscal Year Report: Council on Underserved Communities

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1. Department or Agency

Small Business Administration

2. Fiscal Year

2021

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Council on Underserved Communities

3b. GSA Committee No.

73622

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

01/29/2020

6. Expected Renewal Date

01/29/2022

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Agency

13. Effective Date

12/15/2010

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The CUC provides advice, ideas and opinions on SBA programs and services and issues of interest to small businesses in underserved communities. Its members provide an essential connection between SBA and small businesses in inner city and rural communities. The Council's scope of activities includes reviewing SBA current programs and policies, while working towards creating new and insightful place-based initiatives to spur economic growth, job creation, competitiveness, and sustainability.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The CUC will have a total of no more than twenty (20) members. Members may consist of current or former small business owners, community leaders, officials from small business trade associations, and academic institutions. Members shall represent the interests of underserved communities across the country, both rural and urban. In order to create a balanced membership with broad perspective, the CUC will aim to fill its membership with at least one representative from the designated member community listed above; current or former small business owners, community leaders, officials from small business trade associations, and academic institutions. Additionally, SBA considers whether its members represent rural or urban communities. In order to fulfill the mission of the CUC, members are not required to have a specific skill set or technical expertise other than knowledge of small business issues in underserved communities. All members serve in a representational capacity and will be asked to provide the perspective of their respective organization or constituency. These representatives will bring a number of important points of views to the council: an understanding of the barriers to success for small business owners in underserved communities; experience working in and operating businesses in underserved communities, both urban and rural; access to capital challenges for small business owners in underserved communities; knowledge and experience in training and counseling entrepreneurs in underserved communities; associations representing owners of small business in underserved communities.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 2. Meetings are very relevant in helping to inform Council members of new SBA initiatives and to receiving feedback on the effectiveness of existing SBA programs across the country.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Current economic conditions have hit our country's underserved communities inordinately hard. Socially, economically and geographically disadvantaged small business owners continue to struggle with the effects of the national recession, including barriers to capital

and customer demand that would support sustainability, growth and job creation. While the nation's economic recovery is moving forward, that recovery has been uneven particularly for small businesses and entrepreneurs in underserved communities. To better address the challenges facing small business owners in traditionally underserved communities, the U.S. Small Business Administration is creating a Federal Advisory Council on Underserved Communities. Building on SBA's core programs, as well as Recovery initiatives, the Council on Underserved Communities (CUC) will provide input, advice and recommendations on developing strategies to help strengthen competitiveness and sustainability for small businesses in underserved communities. These strategies will be aimed at increasing entrepreneurship and technical assistance, creating outreach and training strategies, and educating underserved communities about SBA programs and services.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The CUC keeps its meeting of the full council open to the public per FACA guidelines.

21. Remarks

This committee was re-activated in FY 2016

Designated Federal Officer

Nicole Nelson Director of Operations

Narrative Description

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What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making

- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

SBA is working to fill committee vacancies so that the committee can be fully operational in FY2021

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

TBD

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

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What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

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What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

TBD

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

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Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

TBD

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

The committee held no meetings in FY20