

## Biography

Dell L. Gines is the senior community development advisor for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City – Omaha Office. He focuses on innovative community development strategies designed to help transform rural and inner-city communities. Dell is a nationally recognized speaker on the subject of entrepreneurship based economic development and is the author of the *Grow Your Own Guide*, a short primer on how to build urban and rural economies using entrepreneurship.

In 2013, he designed and launched [\*\*Econ Avenue\*\*](#), an innovative grassroots led community economic development project that received national attention when Federal Reserve Board Chair, Janet Yellen, referenced it in her first public speech.

Dell is a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) and holds a Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Finance and is a PhD candidate. In 2011, he was recognized by the Omaha Jaycees as a TOYO award recipient for being named as one of the top ten Omahans under the age of forty making an impact in the community.

The [\*\*community development function\*\*](#) at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City was created in the 1980s primarily to help banks understand their responsibilities under the Community Reinvestment Act. Over the years the bank has expanded its work in the field of community development to meet emerging needs and staff has sought out new opportunities for collaboration to assist low- and moderate-income communities. The community development staff is committed to assisting our stakeholders and the communities we serve respond effectively to challenges through research, relationship building and resource development.