



**Illinois**  
**Department of Commerce**  
**& Economic Opportunity**  
JB Pritzker, Governor

**CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC ENTITY QUALIFICATION AS  
COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

This certification will be used to determine whether the above-listed organization or entity qualifies as a community-based organization under Section 5-60 of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (Public Act 102-0662).

**A public entity may qualify as a community-based organization, but only if the public entity meets the following requirements:**

- a. The public entity must represent a municipality or county (or school district, park district, etc.) Priority given to proposed projects located in and supporting an equity investment eligible community or communities; and benefiting participating low-income households.*
- b. The public entity must certify that no local community-based organizations exist that are capable of filling this role and/or have the current capacity to carry out the proposed project.*
- c. The public entity must provide the same showing of robust community engagement as a non-public entity would be required to show.*

To certify that the public entity took actions to confirm that an alternate community-based organization please check all that apply:

- ☐ Assessed community-based organizations.
- ☐ Hosted a focus group/open house engaging community-based organizations.
- ☐ Received written confirmation from potential community-based organizations that they did not have the capacity to implement this project.
- ☐ Other:

**By signing below, you certify that the information provided is true and complete and that you understand that this document will be used for state government purposes.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_