

Dylan Edgell

Community and economic development practitioner with experience in grant management, workforce strategy, and community engagement across federal, state, and local programs.

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Experience

Program Manager · **Jobs for the Future**
Nov 2022 — Present

- Project managed a \$10M DOL grant across 5 national sites, delivering workforce credentials and training to 1,000+ learners.
- Led labor market analysis for a Maryland state agency, conducting 30+ stakeholder interviews across 2 sectors to inform statewide workforce strategy.
- Serve as an internal AI lead, developing enterprise AI agents, training staff on AI tools and the future of work, and facilitating AI workshops for career coaches building responsible AI tools.

Assistant Director · **Center for Community and Economic Development**
Nov 2019 — Oct 2022

- Expanded technical assistance to 36 cities and counties, growing regional reach across placemaking, economic strategy, and community branding initiative for rural communities.
- Co-managed the Community Development Institute, a leadership program serving 150+ professionals from 10+ states.
- Launched the Arkansas Equity Summit, convening 200+ leaders annually and positioning the Center as a leader in equity-focused economic development.
- Produced the CDI Podcast, publishing 48 episodes that drew 1,500+ downloads from listeners in 19 countries.

Economic Analytics Consultant · **Heifer International**
Jul — Oct 2019

- Built economic models and standardized analysis frameworks across 19 countries, cutting project ROI evaluation time by 40%.

Community Leadership

Planning Commissioner · **City of Russellville**
Feb 2025 - Present

- Serve on the Planning Commission and Long-Range Planning Committee, reviewing land use and infrastructure investments shaping community growth for a city of over 30,000.

Skills

Program Management

Grant Management, Program Evaluation, Due Diligence, Strategic Planning, Project Management (PMP), Stakeholder Engagement, Change Management

Community & Partner Engagement

Community Engagement, Partner Relationship Management, Technical Assistance, Placemaking, Facilitation, Cross-Sector Partnership Development

Research & Analysis

Labor Market Analysis, Data Analysis, Quantitative Research, KPIs & Performance Metrics, Data Visualization, Business Intelligence

Domain Expertise

Community & Economic Development, Workforce Systems,, Proposal Development, Systems Thinking

Education

Clinton School of Public Service
Master of Public Service, 2019

Arkansas Tech University
BSBA, Economics & Finance · 2016

Certifications

Project Management Professional (PMP) · 2023
Professional Community and Economic Developer (PCED) · 2022