# 26 Questions to Ask Yourself When Building Your CRA Plan for Your Bank





#### **Building a Culture of Compliance**

- 1. How can you partner with executive management to improve your CRA program's impact on the community?
- 2. Do you have a plan to partner with business units to expand the CRA program?
- 3. Do you have an actively engaged CRA committee that sets goals and measures CRA performance? If not, what do you need to do to create one?
- 4. Have you trained your loan officers on how to identify community development loans?
- 5. Do any other internal stakeholders have CRA responsibilities embedded in their job descriptions? If so, have you trained them on CRA?

### **Setting Goals**

- 6. What are some of last year's accomplishments?
- 7. What can you do less, more of, or differently to move your CRA program forward?
- 8. How can you leverage your unique community-based bank strategy for the greater good?
- 9. How is the CRA program already supporting the bank's priorities?
- 10. Are your CRA initiatives supporting new products and services?
- 11. How can your CRA program better support the core initiatives within the bank?
- 12. Who do you need to coordinate with when planning around the bank's corporate strategy?

#### **Engaging External Stakeholders**

- 13. How can you continue to promote community growth and stability through partnerships with nonprofits and government agencies?
- 14. How can you continue to innovate the CRA program while responding to the credit needs of your local community?
- 15. Is your bank active enough in financial literacy? How could you do better?



Ready to up your CRA game? Join your peers in the CRA Hub.

#### Training Internal Stakeholders

- 16. Which areas of the bank need more CRA training this year?
- 17. What unique channels can you use to engage employees in training initiatives?
- 18. Is your internal CRA program training outlined with internal stakeholders identified, frequency of training delineated, and training decks completed?

## Professional Development

- 19. What 2–3 areas of the bank do you want to learn more about this year?
- 20. What training programs, courses, and/or conferences would support your professional growth? (Have you checked out the CRA Hub? Visit www.cratoday.com to learn more.)
- 21. When will you meet with your manager to discuss your vision to grow the CRA program and your leadership role in doing so?
- 22. Do you have adequate resources within the institution to manage a key CRA employee transition?

# System Improvements

- 23. What manual systems might you consider automating this year to reallocate finite resources?
- 24. Do you have the right CRA proprietary software system to support your CRA data analytics and reporting requirements?
- 25. Are your CRA data collection, maintenance, and reporting procedures in place, and are they periodically reviewed?
- 26. Have you scheduled a demo with Kadince? Managing your institution's CRA data is manual and time-consuming. But with Kadince, it's easy to track, manage, and report your CRA data. Stop wasting time and start having an even bigger impact on your community. Schedule a personalized demo at www.kadince.com/#demo.



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