

# **Big Skies Bold Partnerships: Moving Mountains Together**

**CDS & NACDEP JOINT CONFERENCE  
June 11 – 14, 2017  
Big Sky, Montana**



## **CALL FOR PRESENTATION AND POSTER ABSTRACTS**

The Community Development Society (CDS) and the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP) are requesting proposals for refereed presentations and posters relating to community development. Submissions relating to the joint conference theme, “**Big Skies: Bold Partnerships – Moving Mountains Together**” are encouraged, but all submissions will be given full consideration.

### **Abstract Submissions:**

*The following types of abstract proposals will be considered:*

Presentations: (Maximum 750 word abstracts, does not include references or title page)

- **Research Presentations can include, but are not limited to:** empirical research, action or participatory research, research panels and theoretical/philosophical perspectives, discussions or debates.
- **Educator/Practitioner Presentations can include, but are not limited to:** innovative ideas and practices, programmatic successes and reflections, panels, and topical discussions.

Posters: (Maximum 500 word abstracts does not include references or title page)

- **Research Posters can include, but are not limited to:** empirical research, action or participatory research, and theoretical/philosophical perspectives.
- **Educator/Practitioner Posters can include, but are not limited to:** innovative ideas and practices, programmatic successes and reflections.

**\*Any submissions exceeding specified word count will automatically be rejected.**

### Rules for Proposal Submission:

1. Submitted proposals must have at least one author who is either a current CDS or NACDEP member.
2. Accepted proposals require one author who is a current CDS or NACDEP member to be registered for the conference by **(April 1, 2017)**.
3. Members may submit more than one proposal.
4. The deadline for abstract proposal submissions is **November 18, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. EST.**  
**No late abstracts will be accepted.**

### **Required Format for Abstracts:**

*Abstracts not meeting these minimum guidelines will be returned without review.*

**Title Page:** List title of your abstract, name(s) and institutions/organizations of each author. **For the lead author only**, include contact information (mailing address and email address). Include up to five keywords that describe your abstract.

**Abstracts:** The abstract should accurately communicate how your proposal relates to community development. It should be double spaced, Times New Roman, 12-point font.

**No author names or identifying information should appear in the abstract.**

- Abstracts for presentations must be **no more than 750 words**.
- Abstracts for posters must be **no more than 500 words**.
- **Word count does not include references or title page**



#### **How to submit:**

1. Save your abstract proposal in Word (.docx) format
2. CDS/NACDEP uses FastTrack for proposal management:  
Log in at <http://cde.expressacademic.org/>  
**As a first time user, you will need to register at the site.**
3. Click the "Submit a new document" to submit a proposal and complete the form.  
Upload the Word.docx file as instructed
4. You will receive an e-mail confirmation that your proposal was successfully uploaded in the FastTrack system.

#### **Review Process:**

Each proposal will be blind-peer reviewed by CDS and NACDEP members. Abstracts will be evaluated based on novelty, contribution to the field of community development and quality of the research/practitioner-based project.

The lead author of the abstract proposal will be notified of the review decision via email on or before (January 13, 2017). The guidelines for preparing final abstracts will be sent in early 2017 to those accepted for presentation. Review deadlines are contingent upon the prompt return of reviews by CDS and NACDEP members. ***No changes to authorship will be accepted once the proposal has entered the review process.***

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**(Abstract Example For Both Presentation and Poster)**

**Title**

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Keywords: (Please list three key words related to your submission)



## **Potential Abstract Headings:**

### **Educator/Practitioner Abstract Headings**

- **Introduction**
- **Background Information**
- **Program Design & Description**
- **Results**
- **Conclusions/Implications & Recommendations for practice**

### **Research Abstract Headings**

- **Introduction**
- **Literature Review/Theoretical Framework**
- **Research Methods**
- **Results**
- **Conclusions/Implications & Recommendations for practice**