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Work Locations

National

My company will cover travel costs?

Yes

Area of Expertise

- Community Development
- Finance/Banking/Lender
- Other (list below)

Other Areas of Expertise

Collaboration

Topic/Details on Expertise

Strategic Partnerships: Developing win-win relationships, co-creation, value exchange.

Preferred Presentation Format

- Conference Panel
- Virtual Presentation
- Podcast

Speaker Description

Michelle Foster is executive director of the National Association of State and Local Equity Funds (NASLEF). As NASLEF's first full-time executive director, Ms. Foster is tasked with building on NASLEF's strengths and creating opportunities for members. She has extensive experience in affordable multifamily deal and fund structuring having previously served as Equity Data Manager at Cinnaire, analyzing over \$2.3 billion in equity investments. Prior to her work at Cinnaire, Ms. Foster engaged communities in a dynamic career as an urban planner, including crafting and implementing pioneering land use policy and streamlining entitlement processes. Ms. Foster is a recognized leader within her community and serves as board director for the Michigan Rural Development Council and the Detroit homeless service provider, Community & Home Supports. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Saginaw Valley State University and a Master of Urban Planning from Wayne State University, fascinated by the cyclical influence of behavior and built design.