



## **BOARD DIRECTORS (General and Marketing Experience)**

*The Board of Directors of ACCESS Community Capital Fund (“ACCESS”) is seeking two individuals to join its Board, including one Director with expertise in marketing.*

ACCESS is a registered charity established to help promising entrepreneurs with viable business plans gain access to financing not available through other sources. Individual loans are made using a character-based lending decision, where the abilities, skills and commitment of the applicant, in conjunction with the strength of the business plan are key decision criteria. In addition, ACCESS disburses professional development loans, with a specific focus on helping internationally trained individuals who have credentials not recognized in Canada. ACCESS is committed to helping people achieve their potential and collaborates with over 70 community partners. ACCESS conducts information and training sessions across the GTHA, and the training resources provided, such as business coaching, workshops and financial literacy training, help ensure ACCESS clients have the resources they need to succeed in their career or business.

ACCESS investment funds are used to guarantee loans through partner financial institutions. The fund was created by investments from socially minded individuals, organizations and businesses. ACCESS clients are typically entrepreneurs who have been running a business less than two years, just starting a new business, or require financing for professional development. The borrower may have no credit history or may have a poor credit record due to unemployment, illness or unforeseen life events.

### **ROLE OVERVIEW:**

ACCESS is seeking two (2) volunteers to join its Board of Directors as it undergoes its next stage of transformation and growth.

The prospective Directors will be expected to:

- Demonstrate commitment to ACCESS’ mandate
- Fulfill the fiduciary responsibilities of a director of a registered charity
- Have strong communication and collaboration skills

The prospective Director with **expertise in marketing** will be expected to:

- Serve on the Marketing and Communications Committee
- Support ACCESS staff by monitoring and reviewing marketing initiatives
- Share professional and creative experience and advice in the marketing field

### **GENERAL EXPECTATIONS:**

- Serve, at a minimum, a one-year term

- Regularly attend all Board and Committee meetings. The Board meets every two months for 1-2 hours each meeting; NOTE: Frequency of Committee meetings varies. (Meetings are held virtually via Zoom and in person in Toronto, Ontario, as determined by the Board.)
- Prepare for meetings by reviewing the meeting agenda and supporting documentation
- Participate actively in all meetings
- Be available to serve on at least one Committee of the Board

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a resume and a cover letter to the Board Co-Chairs at [admin@accessccf.com](mailto:admin@accessccf.com) by June 8, 2023.

Applicants under consideration will be contacted for an interview with the members of the Governance Committee.

ACCESS is committed to equity, diversity and inclusion and encourages all candidates to apply. If contacted to participate in the recruitment and nomination process, please advise us if you require an accommodation.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only qualified candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.