

**IFF**  
*Joe Neri, CEO*



Joe Neri is CEO of IFF one of the nation's largest and highest rated, non-depository, diversified Community Development Financial Institutions. Joe leads a staff of over 100 highly dedicated and talented financial, real estate development, policy and research professionals committed to strengthening nonprofit health, education, housing and human service agencies and the communities they serve.

With over 30 years of comprehensive community development experience, Joe led IFF's expansion to 10 states and grew its assets by 135%. He created IFF's Real Estate and Research business, created Home First, a housing development corporation for persons with disabilities, co-founded a nationally recognized community development corporation, and led municipal economic development efforts.

Joe has broad, direct experience in nonprofit community facility finance, planning and development, affordable housing, community small business lending, child care facilities design, finance, and systems planning and charter school authorizing, finance and development.

Joe has held adjunct instructor positions at the graduate planning schools of the University of Iowa and the University of Illinois, Chicago. Joe is a current board member and former Chair of the board for Acción Chicago, serves on the Community Advisory Committee for U.S. Bank, and previously served on the Community Advisory Committee of the St. Louis Federal Reserve. Joe holds a Masters in City Planning from UC Berkeley, and a Bachelors in Urban Affairs from Grinnell College.