

Mai Dang is President of the Connected Communities Foundation where she oversees operations resident services and social impact non-profit organization. Focusing on People, Place and Partnership, Connected Communities is a collective impact approach to community development, supporting collaborative strategies with resident leadership, community partners and neighborhood stakeholders that drive positive outcomes for affordable and mixed-income residents and communities."

Prior to joining Connected Communities, Mai was the Director of Operations for Urban Strategies, Inc. (USI), a planning and community-development non-profit that works with public housing authorities, city government, foundations, developers, property management firms and community members to build and implement comprehensive plans around neighborhood and human service needs. Over 8 years at USI, Mai served in several roles, most recently as the Director of Operations based in New Orleans, LA, where she oversaw all USI's Louisiana community development projects from new business development to implementation and close-out. Project scope included Section 3 employment training and contracting, relocation, human capital and sustainability planning, and ongoing family supportive services. During this time, Mai also led or supported several national HUD Choice Neighborhoods Implementation and Jobs Plus Grants supporting the comprehensive community revitalization of public housing communities.

Mai also worked in affordable housing development and supported regional efforts around neighborhood transformation initiatives with The Community Builders Inc. and spent several years as Lead Community Organizer for MQVN Community Development Corporation supporting Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts in New Orleans, LA.

Mai holds a Bachelor's Degree in Women's Studies from The George Washington University, earned a Master's Degree in City Planning with a focus on Housing and Community Economic Development from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Certificate from Cornell University. Mai is a passionate social justice and diversity, equity and inclusion advocate and an all-around fan of experiencing the world through travel.