

Glossary of Terms

AFI Network Project A form of AFI project in which the AFI grantee implements

the project through formal relationships with one or more other entities that provide IDA services directly to

participants. The AFI grantee applies for and is

responsible for the Federal AFI grant funds, coordinates development of nonfederal funds and resources, manages

the work of the Sub-recipient organizations, and

administers other key tasks and activities.

AFI Network Project

Grantee Entity that is awarded a Federal AFI grant to administer an

AFI network project.

AFI Network Coordinator
Overall coordinator of the entire AFI network project. The

AFI grantee often takes this role.

Sub-recipient (Sub-grantee or Sub-contractor)

Agency working under an agreement (contractual or Sub-

grantee arrangement) with an AFI grantee to administer an IDA project site for delivering services and IDAs to participants as part of the AFI network project. The Subrecipients recruit, select, and support participants for

savings and asset purchases.

IDA Project Site Entity that provides IDA services. AFI grantees and their

Sub-recipient organizations provide services and are

referred to as IDA project sites.

Collaboration A mutually beneficial, well-defined, and dynamic

relationship entered into by two or more organizations to achieve common goals. This includes a commitment to: mutual relationships and goals; a jointly developed structure and shared responsibility; mutual authority and accountability for success; and sharing of resources and

rewards.1

A collaborative group refers to a set of organizations that

join together in collaboration. The individuals who represent collaborating organizations are partners or

members.2

¹ Mattessich P, Monsey B. Collaboration: What Makes It Work? St. Paul: Amherst H. Wilder Foundation. 1998; 7.

² Ibid.



Community Partners

Financial institutions, local community colleges or universities, housing authorities, small business mentors, community-based groups, faith-based organizations, libraries, financial education trainers, and other entities that assist the AFI network (and its project sites) to provide IDA services to participants.

The New AFI2

A web-based tool provided to all AFI grantees by the Office of Community Services. It helps AFI grantees manage AFI-funded IDA programs. The tool assists grantees and their partners with such important functions as determining participant eligibility, gathering key information about participants, and tracking participant progress with attending financial education courses and saving in their IDA. The AFI² tool also enables grantees to record and report information about sources of funding, participant characteristics and results, and the level of grantee support provided. Grantees use it for timely and accurate program reporting and monitoring.

Performance Management

A set of inter-related activities designed to enhance program or organizational results. These activities involve managing networks, programs, products or services, people, processes, and data—and making decisions about operations.