



FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

The United States Department of Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (Fund) invests in and supports community-based organizations that provide financing and related services to communities and populations lacking access to credit, capital and financial services. Eligible credit unions serving underserved areas (e.g., investment areas) or targeted populations may apply for financial and/or technical assistance.

Certification / Recertification: In order to qualify, you must be certified as Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) by the Fund. An applicant seeking funds under the Financial Assistance Component Program that is not currently certified as a CDFI must submit a CDFI certification application **by 5:00 p.m. ET on October 11, 2006**. To be certified as a CDFI, the institution must be a legal entity and meet all of the following requirements:

- Has a primary mission of community development;
- Serves an eligible target market or population (e.g. underserved - investment area, African-Americans (Blacks), Alaska Natives residing in Alaska, Hispanics (Latinos), Native Americans, Native Hawaiians residing in Hawaii, Other Pacific Islanders residing in the Pacific Islands);
- Is predominantly a financing entity;
- Provides development services;
- Is accountable to the target market; and
- Is a nongovernmental entity.

The types of Fund initiatives credit unions may consider applying for include Financial Assistance (FA) and Technical Assistance (TA) Programs. This program provides funding for certified CDFIs to implement a comprehensive business plan of providing affordable and appropriate services to create community development impact in underserved areas. Applicants can apply either for:

1. financial assistance only,
2. technical assistance only, or
3. a combination of both financial assistance and technical assistance.

Eligibility: Credit unions wishing to apply for FA only or a combination of FA and TA through the CDFI Program must be certified as a CDFI by the Fund. Credit unions wishing to apply for TA only through the CDFI Program must either be



certified as a CDFI or be able to be certified by the Fund within two years of its application.

The Fund expects that it may award approximately \$26 million in appropriated funds, of which: (i) Approximately \$2 million may be awarded to Category I/SECA Applicants in the form of FA awards that may be coupled with TA grants; (ii) approximately \$22 million in appropriated funds may be awarded to Category II/Core Applicants in the form of FA awards that may be coupled with TA grants; and (iii) approximately \$2 million in appropriated funds may be awarded to Applicants in the form of TA grants only. **The CDFI Program application deadline is 5:00 p.m. ET on November 14, 2006.**

CDFI Application Workshops: Those interested in learning more about the FY 2007 round of the CDFI Program can do so by either: (1) viewing a live satellite broadcast of an Application Workshop on Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time; or by attending one of eight Application Workshops that will be held in select cities across the nation. CDFI Fund staff will travel to each of these cities to conduct the Application Workshop in-person.

For complete details on the FY 2007 Round of the CDFI Program and on the Application Workshops, please visit the following links:

Press Release:

http://www.cdfifund.gov/docs/2006/cdfi/2007CDFIProgramOpens_formatted_V2.pdf

Revised Notice of Funds Availability:

<http://www.cdfifund.gov/docs/2006/cdfi/2007NOFA.pdf>

CDFI Program Webpage:

http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=7

National Credit Union Administration Community Development Revolving Loan Fund

The NCUA is accepting applications for the Community Development Revolving Loan Fund's loan program and grant initiatives. Low-income designated credit unions are eligible to apply for the following grant initiatives:



- **Building Internal Capacity Initiative—Open from 9/15/2006 to 10/20/2006.**

Grants awarded under this initiative are for:

- Enhancing or improving technologies;
- Developing strategic, business, and succession plans;
- Preparing emergency and business resumption strategies;
- Enhancing facilities;
- Creating office efficiencies;
- Addressing items of supervisory concern; and,
- Developing policies.

Credit unions that were awarded grants under the first round of Building Internal Capacity funding used the grants for computer hardware and software upgrades; signage for the credit union; equipment, such as coin sorters, photocopiers, paper shredders, and telephone systems; and, consultants for policy development.

- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Initiative—Open**

The VITA initiative provides financial assistance to credit unions wishing to help existing and potential members prepare their tax returns, especially those eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Grant funds enable the credit union to offset administrative and operational costs associated with providing free income tax preparation services.

Grant funds may be used for:

- VITA-site related marketing and advertising;
- VITA-site related training;
- Printing and copying services; and,
- Supplies.

The following initiatives are also open:

- **Student Internship Initiative**
- **Staff, Official, and Board Member Training Initiative**

Loans

Low-income credit unions may apply for up to \$300,000. Loans have a maturity of 5 years and have a 1 percent interest rate.

Applications and specific details for both the loan and grant programs can be found at:

<http://www.ncua.gov/CreditUnionDevelopment/Programs/FinanceGrants.htm>

This Funding Announcement updates previous releases.