

Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance

Offered by: U.S. Department of the Treasury
Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund)

Target Credit

Union Participants: Credit unions serving underserved or low-income consumers, or distressed communities.

Program

Objectives:

The CDFI Fund's mission is to expand the capacity of financial institutions to provide credit, capital, and financial services to underserved populations and communities in the United States.

Credit Union Eligibility:

In order to qualify for funding from the CDFI Fund, a credit union must be certified as a CDFI. In order to be certified, the institution must be a legal entity and meet all of the following requirements:

- ◆ Have a primary mission of community development.
- ◆ Serve an eligible target market (i.e., qualified Investment Area, African-Americans, 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.
- ◆ Provide development services.
- ◆ Is accountable to its target market.
- ◆ Is a nongovernmental entity.

Program Features and Requirements:

The CDFI Fund provides financial assistance and technical assistance to CDFIs. Financial assistance may be in the form of equity/capital grants, secondary capital, nonmember deposits, or loans. Additionally, financial assistance awards must be matched dollar for dollar with funds of the same type from non-federal sources. For example, the CDFI Fund has, in the past, provided a capital grant that matched the total of the credit union's retained earnings account. Technical assistance is awarded as grants for the purpose of building the capacity of the CDFI. Examples of eligible use of technical assistance are: staff training, acquiring technology, and obtaining consulting services.

Program Cost:

CDFI Certification: Free.

Financial or Technical Assistance: Costs associated with implementing the credit union's project (including matching funds).

Contact:

Applications and specific details regarding the CDFI Fund's programs can be found at: www.cdfifund.gov.