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Application Deadline Extended for CDFI & NACA Programs

In response to industry concerns over the government-wide requirement for applicants to utilize the Grants.gov website to submit funding applications, the CDFI Fund is extending the Application Deadline for the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program. Though the Fund believes that ultimately the application process through Grants.gov will be simpler than its past electronic application, the Fund wants to provide applicants additional time to familiarize themselves with the new process.

• The Application Deadline for the CDFI Program was 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, January 23, 2006. The new Application Deadline is 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, February 13, 2006.

In addition, the CDFI Fund has extended the Application Deadline for the Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) Program.

• The Application Deadline for the NACA Program was 5:00 p.m. EST on Tuesday, February 14, 2006. The new Application Deadline is 5:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, March 1, 2006.

For more detailed information, please reference the amended Notices of Funds Availability for each program.

- <u>CDFI program NOFA</u>
- <u>NACA Program NOFA</u>

Other Related Deadlines

The following are deadlines related to the <u>CDFI Program</u> that, as a result of the Application Deadline extension, are also being extended.

• The deadline to submit either the Certification of Materials Events form <u>or</u> a new CDFI Certification Application was 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, January 13, 2006. The new

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deadline is 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, January 20, 2006.

- The deadline to request permission to submit a paper application has not changed. The deadline remains 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, January 6, 2006.
- The deadline to submit a paper application (for Applicants with prior Fund permission) was 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, January 23, 2006. The new deadline is 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, February 13, 2006.
- The last day during which potential applicants can ask CDFI Fund staff questions was 5:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, January 19, 2006. The new date is 5:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, February 9, 2006.

The following are deadlines related to the <u>NACA Program</u> that, as a result of the Application Deadline extension, are also being extended.

- The deadline to submit either the Certification of Materials Events form <u>or</u> a new CDFI Certification Application was 5:00 p.m. EST on Tuesday, February 14, 2006. The new deadline is 5:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, March 1, 2006.
- The last day during which potential applicants can ask CDFI Fund staff questions was 5:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, February 9, 2006. The new date is 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, February 27, 2006.

CDFI Program Information Sessions Rescheduled

In order to allow more time for those interested in learning about the CDFI Program Application, the CDFI Fund has also rescheduled the remaining Information Sessions.

Please note that the only thing that has changed is the date. The location and timing for each Information Session has remained the same. Those that have already registered to attend through the CDFI Fund's online registration system do not have to register again. Your registration will be transferred to the new date. If you cannot attend on the new date, or would like to change your registration in any way, please log into your "myCDFIFund" account and click on the "workshops" tab at the top of the page.

• The satellite broadcast of the Information Session through the HUD TV Network that

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was scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The broadcast will now be on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

- The Information Session being held in Chicago, IL that was scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2005 will now be on Friday, January 6, 2006.
- The Information Session being held in Los Angeles, CA that was scheduled for Friday, December 16, 2005 will now be on Friday, January 13, 2006.
- The Information Session being held in New Orleans, LA that was scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2005 will now be on Wednesday, January 11, 2006.
- The Information Session being held in New York, NY that was scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2005 will now be on Friday, January 6, 2006.

To Register to Attend an Information Session

If you would like to learn more about the CDFI Program and how to apply this funding round, please consider attending one of the CDFI Fund sponsored Information Sessions. The CDFI Fund offers the Information Session in two different mediums - the agenda and content are exactly the same. Interested parties can either:

- attend an Information Session in one of four cities (Chicago, Los Angeles, New Orleans and New York) were CDFI Fund staff will be present to conduct the information Session; or
- view a live broadcast at a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Field Office. This Information Session is broadcast live from Washington, DC through the HUD TV Network and is then downlinked via satellite by each of the 81 local HUD Field Offices for viewing.

Links to:

Instructions to Register to attend an Information Session.

<u>Agenda for Chicago, Los Angeles & New Orleans</u>. <u>Agenda for New York</u>. <u>Locations in Chicago, Los Angeles, New Orleans & New York</u>.

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Agenda for Satellite Broadcast Locations to view Satellite Broadcast.

Grants.gov

CDFI Program application materials are now available on Grants.gov. Please see the "Instructions on Applying through Grants.gov" on the CDFI Fund's website to get started.

Because it can take three to five days to register on Grants.gov, the Fund strongly encourages Applicants to start this process now!

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