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CDFI Fund Receives 213 Applications Requesting \$146.1 Million To Create or Expand Community Development Financial Institutions

Washington, DC – The U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund announced today that it received a total of 213 applications for the Fiscal Year 2007 round of their programs focused on creating or expanding existing CDFIs across the country. The applicants requested an aggregate of \$146.1 million in assistance.

“This response demonstrates the high level of interest for capital that exists for CDFIs,” said CDFI Fund Director Kimberly A. Reed. “These CDFIs are on the frontline of providing the residents of our nation’s economically distressed communities with the opportunity to be a part of the economic mainstream.”

The CDFI Fund announced on August 28, 2006, that it was making approximately \$26 million available for awards. Approximately \$2 million of these funds will be targeted to CDFIs that applied under Category I of the application, what is known as Small and Emerging CDFI Assistance – or SECA. Close to \$2 million in funds are also being targeted to applicants that apply for Technical Assistance. The remaining \$22 million in funds will be awarded to CDFIs that applied under Category II of the application, known as Core Applicants.

On October 4, 2006, the CDFI Fund announced it was making approximately \$3.5 million available through its Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) Program. The NACA Program, similar to the CDFI Program, provides financial assistance awards and technical assistance awards to CDFIs and entities proposing to become or create CDFIs. But under the NACA program, these CDFIs primarily serve Native American, Alaskan Native or Native Hawaiian communities.

Applications currently are being evaluated through a merit-based qualitative review to identify those applicants most likely to have the greatest impact in our nation’s most distressed low-income rural, urban, and Native communities. Awards will be announced this summer.

Under the NACA Program, 29 applications were received from 14 states. Twenty-five applicants requested Technical Assistance totaling \$3,284,064, and 10 applicants requested Financial Assistance totaling \$7,704,418.

The characteristics of the CDFI Program applicant pool include:

- 184 applications were received from 41 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.
- 53 (29 percent) applicants applied under Category I – or SECA – requesting \$23,838,341.
- 82 (44 percent) applicants applied under Category II – or Core – requesting \$109,699,154.
- 49 (27 percent) applicants applied for Technical Assistance only requesting \$4,813,079.

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- Institutional type:
 - 147 (80 percent) applicants are loan funds;
 - 22 (12 percent) applicants are credit unions;
 - 6 (three percent) applicants are banks or thrifts;
 - 5 (three percent) applicants are depository institutions holding companies; and
 - 4 (two percent) applicants are venture funds.

For more information on the CDFI Fund and its programs, please visit www.cdfifund.gov.

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