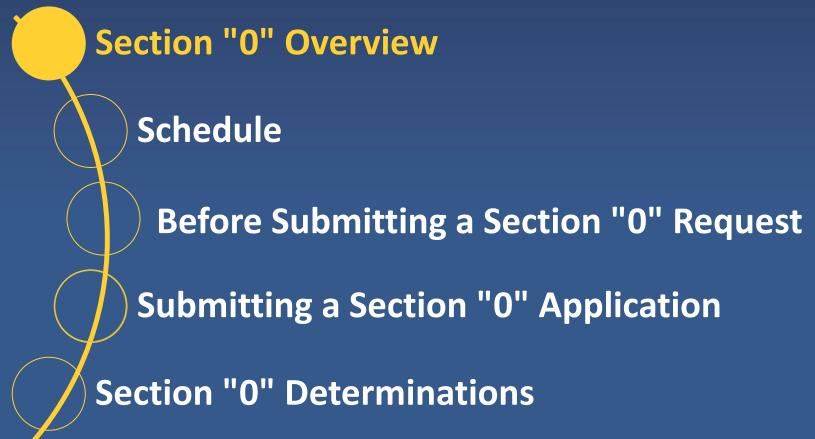


## Section "0"

February 20, 2025

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### **Section "0" Overview**



#### **Overview:**

- The CDFI Fund establishes the Financial Products, Financial Services, disregarded or included uses of assets and/or staff time, Targeted Populations, Target Market assessment methodologies and the responsible financing practices eligible for CDFI Certification purposes.
- Section "0" was established to systematically capture and track requests for activity that falls outside what has been pre-approved by the CDFI Fund.
- If a request is approved, the CDFI Fund will update its guidance to make that activity pre-approved for all CDFI Certification activity.

## **Section "0" Overview**



An entity may seek to request a Section "0" Determination in one or more of the following areas:

(each consideration must individually meet the necessary requirements)

#### **OD01**

 Obtaining determination to include new Financing Product Type(s) or Financing Service Type(s) as Eligible Financial Product(s) or Eligible Financial Service(s)

#### **OD02**

 Obtaining determination to Amend a Responsible Financing Practice Standard(s)

#### **OD03**

 Obtaining determination to Add Major Use(s) of Assets and/or Staff Time Eligible to be Disregarded or Included for the CDFI certification Financing Entity Predominance Test

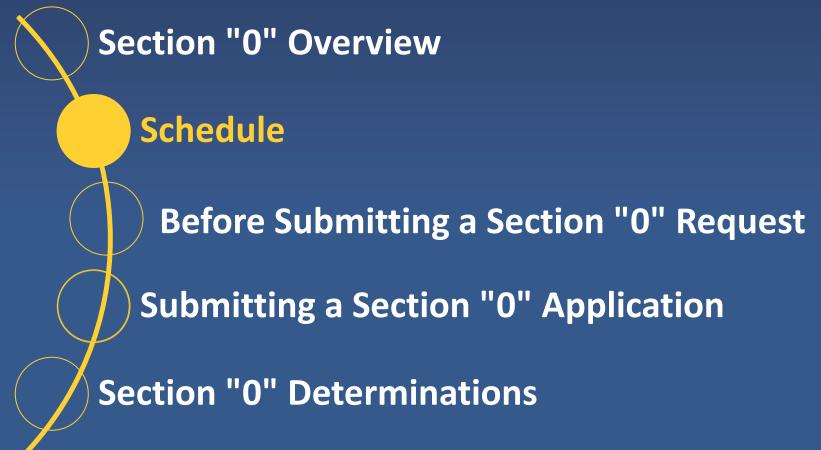
#### **OD04**

Obtaining
 Determination for
 New Targeted
 Population(s)

#### **OD05**

Obtaining
 Determination for
 New or Amended
 Target Market
 Assessment
 Methodology(ies)





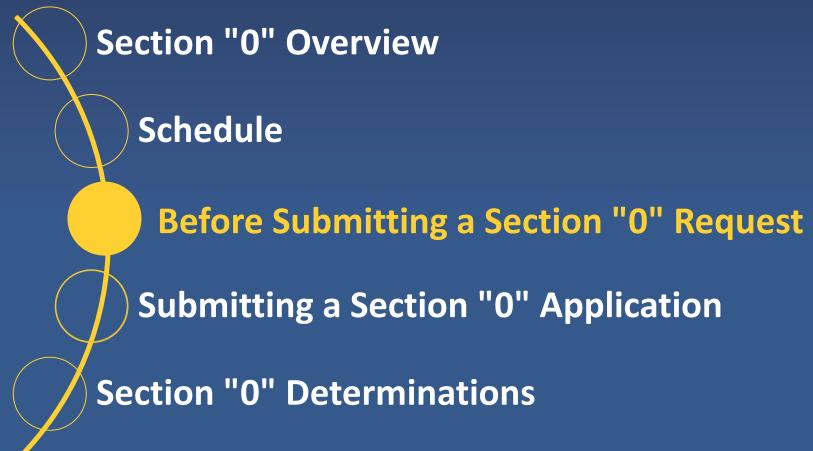
### **Schedule**



- Organizations are not required to submit a Section "0"
   Application if they do not wish to make a request for a Section "0" Determination.
- However, organizations that do wish to request a Section "0" determination must submit a Section "0" Application in AMIS by the deadlines included in the table below.

CDFI's Fiscal Year End (FYE) Date	Section "0" Application Open Date	Section "0" Application Deadline
8/31, 9/30, 10/31	January 27, 2025	March 28, 2025, 11:59 pm ET
12/31, 2/28, 3/31	March 14, 2025	May 16, 2025, 11:59 pm ET
4/30, 5/31, 6/30	June 13, 2025	August 15, 2025, 11:59 pm ET





## **Before Submitting a Request**

Before submitting a request for a Section "0" Determination, your organization should:

- Review existing CDFI Certification Guidance:
  - Frequently Asked Questions: CDFI Certification Application and Related Tools (November 2024)
  - Pre-Approved Target Market Assessment Methodologies and Frequently Asked Questions (September 2024)
  - CDFI Certification Supplemental Guidance and Tips (January 2024)
  - Other CDFI Certification material on the CDFI Fund website
- Submit a Service Request via AMIS if there are any outstanding questions after reading all applicable guidance material.
- Ensure that it does not submit a request for a Section "0" determination that contains activity that is already permissible under existing CDFI Fund policies.

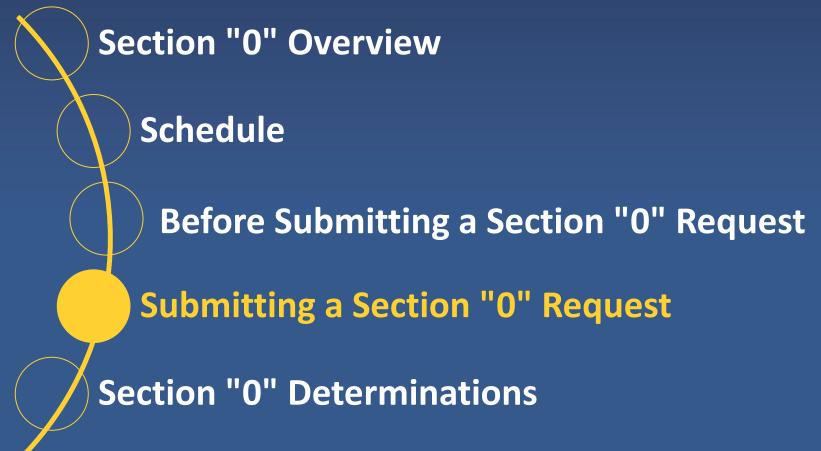
## **Before Submitting a Request**



## Additional Tips to consider before submitting a request for a Section "0" Determination:

- For each request to be considered, you must provide detailed information and/or justification for the CDFI Fund to review.
- Organizations proposing use of major assets and/or staff time to be disregarded or included for purposes of the Financing Entity predominance test <u>must</u> include a copy of an income statement and balance sheet for the organization's most recently completed fiscal year (FY) and its current FY-to-date balance sheet.
- Organizations proposing a new Targeted Population <u>must</u> also propose a corresponding Target Market assessment methodology (TMAM).
- If you submit without providing required information, your application may be declined.





# **Submitting A Section "0" Request**

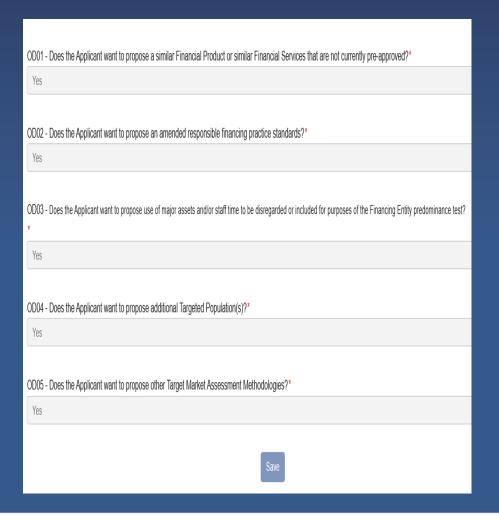


If your organization decides that it wishes to submit a request for a Section "0" Determination:

- The CDFI Fund has recorded a step-by-step video on how to create and submit a Section "0" Application in AMIS on YouTube.
- The Section "0" Application is in a separate template from the full CDFI Certification.
- If you request a Section "0" Determination, you will not be able to proceed to the full CDFI Certification Application process until the CDFI Fund renders a decision on the Section "0" request.

## **Submitting a Section "0" Request**



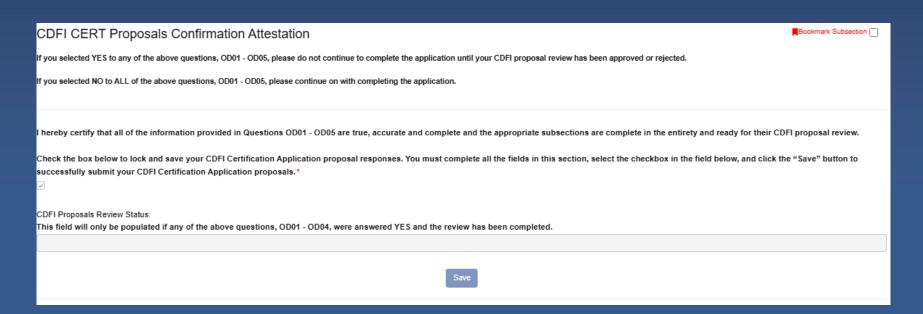




## **Submitting a Section "0" Request**



✓ CDFI CERT Proposals Confirmation Attestation



## **Submitting a Section "0" Request:**



#### Attestation and Submission

By selecting this checkbox, I agree to the terms stated above. (Any Authorized Representatives; Any Point of Contacts)

Name: TestUser Org24POC01 Date: 6/21/2024 2:43 PM

#### Authorized Representative Signature

I hereby certify that all of the information provided in connection with the above-named entity's certification as a CDFI is true, accurate and compl has been duly authorized by the above-named entity's governing body.

By selecting this checkbox, I agree to the terms stated above. (Any Authorized Representatives)

Name: TestUser Org24AR01 Date: 6/21/2024 2:47 PM

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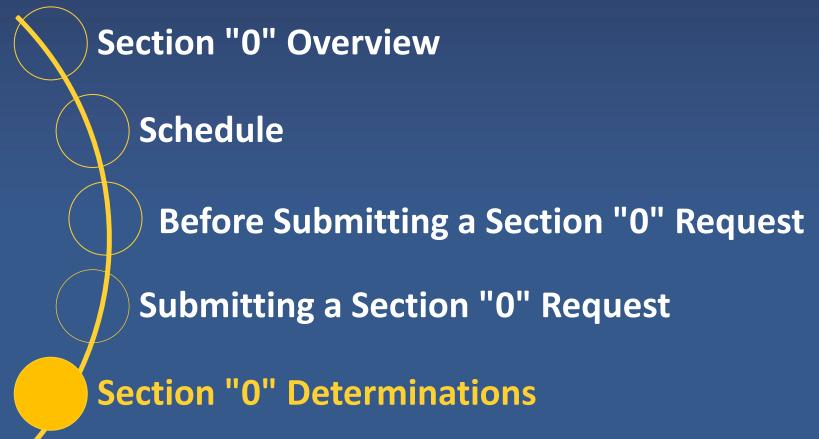
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**Submit Application** 





## **Section "0" Determinations**



After an organization completes and submits the Section "0" Application in AMIS, the CDFI Fund will:

- Review the Application and either approve or deny the request.
- Provide each Applicant with a written notice that their request was either approved or denied.
- Organizations that have a Section "0" request approved will receive instructions on how to include the approved activity in the full CDFI Certification application.
- Organizations that have a Section "0" request denied will receive a debriefing letter stating why their request was denied.

## Remaining Conference Call Schedule



## **Upcoming Webinars**

Date	Time	Presentation Topic
March 6, 2025	3:00-4:15 PM ET	Mergers and Acquisitions
March 20, 2025	3:00-4:15 PM ET	Entity Spin-Off Provisions

## Section "0" Q&A



This concludes the presentation.

Thank you for participating!