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Note: Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning specified in the CDFI Equitable Recovery Program Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).
OUR MISSION

The CDFI Fund’s mission is to expand economic opportunity for underserved people and communities by supporting the growth and capacity of a national network of community development lenders, investors, and financial service providers.
OUR VISION

The vision of the CDFI Fund is an America in which all people and communities have access to the investment capital and financial services they need to prosper.
The CDFI Fund’s Programs

The CDFI Fund supports investments in low-income communities through our assistance programs

- Bank Enterprise Award Program (BEA Program)
- Capital Magnet Fund (CMF)
- CDFI Bond Guarantee Program (BG Program)
- Community Development Financial Institutions Program (CDFI Program)
- Native Initiatives and Native American CDFI Assistance Program (NACA Program)
- New Markets Tax Credit Program (NMTC Program)
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The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Section 523 of Division N; Pub. L. No. 116-260) provided $1.75 billion in supplemental appropriations to remain available until expended for the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) to provide grants to CDFIs to respond to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Awards will be made to CDFIs to:

- expand lending, grant making, and investment activity in Low- or Moderate-Income communities and to borrowers, including minorities, that have significant unmet capital or financial services needs and were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

- enable CDFIs to build organizational capacity and acquire technology, staff, and other tools necessary to accomplish the activities under a CDFI ERP Award.
Eligibility for CDFI ERP Awards

Organizations eligible to apply for a CDFI ERP Award are Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) that:

- Are Certified as CDFIs by the CDFI Fund as of the date the CDFI ERP Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) is published in the Federal Register (June 24, 2022);
- Have at least 30% of their average annual Financial Products closed and Grants made in its five most recent historic fiscal years, both in terms of dollar volume and number of transactions, in ERP-Eligible Geographies;
- Meet the criteria outlined in Table 3 of the NOFA;
- Are in compliance with all outstanding CDFI Fund awards, allocations, or CDFI Bond Guarantee Program requirements; and
- Meet benchmarks for programmatic/financial safety and soundness, and minimum thresholds of financial health and financial capacity, as evidenced by at least two years of audited financial statements.

**Note:** Affiliated CDFIs (as defined in the NOFA) may not apply separately under the CDFI ERP. Only one Affiliate must be selected to apply.
ERP-Eligible Geographies

The above image is an excerpt from the CDFI Fund Information Mapping System (CIMS) database, which displays the Washington, DC metro area. The areas highlighted in green are ERP-Eligible Census Tracts. Information is available in CIMS for the entire United States and U.S. Territories and can be searched by address and census tract.
### CDFI ERP Overview: Award Information

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Applicants must use an Award only for the following Eligible Activities:

- **Six (6) eligible financial products and services categories:**
  - Financial Products – All Institution Types
  - Financial Services – Regulated Institutions only
  - Development Services – All Institution Types
  - Grants – All Institution Types
  - Loan Loss Reserves – All Institution Types
  - Capital Reserves – Regulated Institutions only

- **Seven (7) eligible operational support categories:**
  - Compensation – Personal Services
  - Compensation – Fringe Benefits
  - Professional Service Costs
  - Travel Costs
  - Training and Education Costs
  - Equipment
  - Supplies
There are limitations on what portion of the CDFI ERP Award may be used for certain categories of eligible activities:

- For any Award size, no more than 25% of the Award amount may be used for Financial Services and Development Services combined.

- A Recipient may use up to the greater of $166,667 or 15% of the Award amount (not to exceed $400,000) for eligible activities in all operational support categories combined.

- Recipients must use 90% of Award dollars for activities in ERP-Eligible Geographies. Any Award funds deployed outside of ERP-Eligible Geographies must serve Low- or Moderate-Income persons or businesses disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic that are included in CDFI Eligible Markets.
CDFI ERP Overview: Eligible Lines of Business

The Award may be used for the following lines of business:

- Commercial Real Estate
- Small Businesses
- Microenterprise
- Community Facilities
- Affordable Housing
- Consumer Financial Products
- Consumer Financial Services
- Commercial Financial Products
- Commercial Financial Services
- Intermediary Lending to Non-Profits and CDFIs
- Other lines of business as deemed appropriate by the CDFI Fund
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Application Process Overview

Pre-Application

- SAM.gov
- Grants.gov
- AMIS Account (UEI & EIN)

Application Components

- SF-424 (Grants.gov)
- AMIS Application (AMIS)
- Attachments (AMIS)

Review

- Step 1: Eligibility
- Step 2: Financial Analysis & Compliance Risk Evaluation
- Step 3: Application Evaluation & Initial Funding Recommendation
- Step 4: Award Amount Determination

Applicants should review all Application Materials on the CDFI ERP website as they become available.
Getting Started

1st
- Read the CDFI Equitable Recovery Program NOFA

2nd
- Register and/or update your accounts in the following systems:
  - System for Award Management (SAM.gov)
  - Grants.gov
  - AMIS

3rd
- Download and familiarize yourself with the Application Materials found on the CDFI ERP website
Existing SAM.gov users should ensure that their account is **active** and **up-to-date**.

The CDFI Fund will not consider an Application from an organization that fails to register or activate its SAM.gov account and, as a result, is unable to submit its SF-424 through Grants.gov and have it validated by Grants.gov by July 26, 2022, by 11:59 p.m. ET.

The CDFI Fund **does not** maintain SAM.gov. Contact the Federal Service Desk at 1-866-606-8220 for technical assistance or visit [www.fsd.gov](http://www.fsd.gov)
UEI and EIN

✓ Ensure that the named CDFI ERP Applicant has a current and valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

✓ Ensure that the named CDFI ERP Applicant has a current and valid Employer Identification Number (EIN).

✓ Ensure that the Applicant’s UEI number and EIN are entered accurately in Grants.gov and AMIS. Applications submitted with the UEI or EIN of a parent or affiliate organization will be rejected.

✓ Applicants are encouraged to start the process now and well before the Application due date.
Only the SF-424 will be submitted via Grants.gov.

All Applicants **MUST** submit their SF-424 through Grants.gov and have it validated by July 26, 2022, by 11:59 p.m. ET under the Funding Opportunity Number CDFI-2022-ERP.

*Note:* If the Applicant does not submit a valid SF-424 through Grants.gov by the deadline listed in the CDFI ERP NOFA, the Applicant will be unable to submit materials in AMIS and the Application will be deemed ineligible.

New Grant.gov users should complete the registration process as soon as possible. If the amount requested on the SF-424 is different from the amount an Applicant requests in its Application submitted via AMIS, the CDFI Fund will only consider the amount requested in the Application submitted in AMIS.

The CDFI Fund **does not** maintain Grants.gov. Contact Grants.gov at 1-800-518-4726 or email support@grants.gov for technical assistance.
• Other than the SF-424, each Applicant must submit all other required Application materials via AMIS.

• Additionally, Applicants must enter their EIN and UEI number in AMIS by July 26, 2022 by 11:59 p.m. ET.

• An Applicant is required to designate at least one Authorized Representative and Point of Contact in its AMIS account (Authorized Representatives cannot be a consultant or other contractor). The contacts (POC/AR) must also be identified as "Active" in AMIS.

• An Applicant that fails to properly register and update its AMIS account may miss important communications from the CDFI Fund and may not be able to successfully submit an Application.
Applicants should review Table 4 of the CDFI ERP NOFA for a list of required Application documents that must be submitted via AMIS.

AMIS will validate that an Applicant has provided each required Application document prior to the submission of the Application.

Applicants should allow for sufficient time to review and complete all required Application documents, confirm all attachments are being included with the correct documents, and remedy any validation issues prior to the Application deadline.

Upon submission, the Application will be locked in AMIS and cannot be resubmitted, edited, or modified in any way.
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Prior to launching a CDFI ERP Application, you will be required to complete the CDFI ERP Pre-Application Eligibility Questionnaire:

1. Attest that at least 30% of your average annual Financial Products closed and Grants made in your five most recent historic* fiscal years, both in terms of dollar volume and number of transactions, were in ERP-Eligible Geographies.

2. Attest that you have audited financial statements for your two most recent historic* fiscal years.

* “Historic” refers to the Applicant’s most recently completed fiscal years for which it has prepared audited financial statements. Please see the NOFA for additional information.
Required Application Sections in AMIS

- Applicant Eligibility
- Organization and Application Information
- Part 1: Business Strategy
- Part 2: Community Impact
- Part 3: Organization Capacity
- Appendices
- Attachments
Applicant Eligibility

This section includes:

- Applicant Eligibility Data Table
- Applicant Eligibility Criteria

The requested information will substantiate the attestations made in the Pre-Application Eligibility Questionnaire.
Tips for Completing the Applicant Eligibility Data Table

To complete the Applicant Eligibility Data Table, you will need to determine which of your transactions made in your five most recent historic fiscal years were located in ERP-Eligible Geographies:

- The term “ERP-Eligible Geographies” is defined in the FY 2022 CDFI ERP NOFA.
- View the list of ERP-Eligible Geographies on the CDFI Fund’s website at www.cdfifund.gov/erp.
- View the ERP-Eligible Geographies by clicking on the ERP button on the CDFI Fund Information Mapping System (CIMS) page of the CDFI Fund’s website at www.cdfifund.gov/cims3.
- Utilize the “Applicant Eligibility” worksheet in the CDFI ERP Data Inputs Excel Workbook, available on the CDFI Fund’s website at www.cdfifund.gov/erp, to gather all required eligibility data offline before entering it into AMIS.
In addition to the census tracts lists on the CDFI Fund’s website, all Native Areas are also ERP-Eligible Geographies. As Native Areas often cross census tract boundaries, those geographies are not covered by the Excel file on the CDFI ERP page, but they are available in CIMS.

Applicants can determine whether an individual address is located in an ERP-Eligible Geography using the ERP page in CIMS.

If Applicants need to determine census tract numbers for a large volume of addresses, they can use the Bulk Address Geocoding tool in AMIS, which is located under the TLR Import/Export Certify page.

– The CDFI Fund will release additional guidance on using this bulk geocoding functionality on the website soon.

– After using the Bulk Address Geocoding tool to determine census tracts associated with certain addresses, Applicants will need to cross reference these census tracts with the ERP-Eligible Geographies Excel file on the CDFI ERP website.

– The bulk geocoder only determines census tracts for addresses. It can’t be used to determine if specific addresses are located in Native Areas.
Organization and Application Information

This Section includes Application Questions 1-6 and 1 Related Appendix:

1. Organization Information
2. Award Request
3. Accountability and Financing Track Record to Minority Individuals and Minority Communities
4. Application Contacts
5. Total Estimated Hours to Complete the Application
6. Executive Summary

Appendix 1: Accountability and Financing Track Record to Minority Individuals and Minority Communities

➢ Table A: Board and Executive Staff Information
➢ Table B: Financing Activity
Tips for Completing the Organization and Application Information Section

- Information collected is mostly administrative in nature.
- Responses to questions in this section do not affect the scoring or evaluation of your application.
- Question 3 and Appendix 1 collect data necessary for reporting to Congress on the nature of CDFIs applying for and receiving Awards under the program. It does not impact Application scoring or evaluation in any way.
- Utilize the “Table B” worksheet in the CDFI ERP Data Inputs Excel Workbook, available on the CDFI Fund’s website, to gather all required data offline before entering it into AMIS.
Part 1: Business Strategy

This Section includes Application Questions 7-10 and 1 Related Appendix:

7. Assessment of the Economic Impact(s) of the COVID-19 Pandemic
8. Eligible Activities
9. Implementation Plan
10. Projected Performance

Appendix 2: CDFI ERP Projected Performance

- Table C: CDFI ERP Projected Performance Table
Information requested relates to your planned use of a CDFI ERP Award, primarily in the form of narrative responses.

Responses to questions in this section will be scored.

Read each question carefully. Ensure your narrative response addresses all parts of the question.

As appropriate and available, provide quantitative and qualitative data to support your responses.

To have a favorable evaluation, you must articulate a strong, coherent strategy for using a CDFI ERP Award to address the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the needs of the populations and geographies you intend to serve.
Part 2: Community Impact

This Section includes Application Questions 11-13 and 1 Related Appendix:

11. Track Record of Responding to Community Needs
12. CDFI ERP Policy Priorities
13. Outcomes, Tracking and Reporting

Appendix 3: Community Impact Tables

- Table D: CDFI ERP Track Record Table
- Table E: Projected Increase in Activities in ERP-Eligible Geographies
Tips for Completing the Community Impact Section

- Information requested relates to your historic and projected community impacts, and is requested in the form of checkbox selections, data inputs and short narrative responses.

- Responses to questions in this section will be scored.

- Utilize the “Table D” worksheet in the CDFI ERP Data Inputs Excel Workbook, available on the CDFI Fund’s website, to gather the five years of required track record data offline before entering it into AMIS.

- Select only one of the five possible CDFI ERP policy priorities. If you do not select a policy priority, or if you attempt to select more than one policy priority, you will receive an error message in AMIS and will not be able to submit your Application. If you are selected to receive an Award, the policy priority you select will become a condition of your Assistance Agreement in the form of a Performance Goal.

- Table E will appear in your AMIS Application only if you select the policy priority to increase lending in ERP-Eligible Geographies.
Part 3: Organization Capacity

This Section includes Application Questions 14-16 and 4 Related Appendices:

14. Key Personnel
15. Previous Awards
16. Financial Information and Compliance Risk Evaluation

Appendix 4: Key Personnel
Appendix 5: Previous CDFI Fund Awards
Appendix 6: Application Financial Data Inputs
Appendix 7: Compliance Evaluation Questions
Tips for Completing the Organization Capacity Section

- Information requested relates to your organizational capacity to carry out your proposed activities under a CDFI ERP Award.

- Responses to questions in this section will be scored.

- If you plan to expand your staff in order to support your implementation plan, attach a prospective organizational chart that reflects the increased staffing necessary to accomplish the projected level of activities outlined in your Application.

- Utilize the Application Financial Data Inputs Excel Workbook, available on the CDFI Fund’s website, to gather all required financial data offline before entering it into Appendix 6 in AMIS.
Forms and Certifications

Appendix 8: Forms and Certifications

- Environmental Review Form
- Assurances and Certifications
- 501(c)(4) Questionnaire (if applicable)
## Required Attachments to the Application

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<td>A current organizational chart outlining the Applicant’s structure and staffing, as well as an updated, prospective organizational chart, if the Applicant plans to add staff resources to accomplish the activities under a CDFI ERP Award.</td>
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- **Step 1:** On or before July 26, 2022 by 11:59 p.m. ET, the Applicant must submit its SF-424 via Grants.gov, and enter its EIN and UEI numbers in its AMIS account.

- **Step 2:** The Applicant must submit a completed CDFI ERP Application in AMIS, including all required Application documents, on or before August 23, 2022 by 11:59 p.m. ET.
Step 1: Eligibility Review

- The CDFI Fund ensures that each Applicant meets all eligibility requirements as detailed in the CDFI ERP NOFA.
Step 2: Financial Analysis and Compliance Risk Evaluation

Financial Analysis Evaluation
- The CDFI Fund evaluates Non-Regulated Applicants using an internal tool called the Application Assessment Tool (AAT) that rates Applicants from 1 (highest score) to 5 (lowest score). Non-Regulated Applicants that score a 1, 2, 3, or 4 for the Financial Analysis Evaluation will move on to Step 3. Non-Regulated Applicants that receive a confirmed Total Financial Composite Score of five (5) will not advance to Step 3.

- The Financial Analysis Evaluation for Regulated Institutions will be based upon regulator feedback and CAMEL(S) scores (or regulating entity equivalent). Applicants must have a CAMEL(S) rating of at least 4 and/or no significant material concerns from their regulator.

Compliance Risk Evaluation
- The AAT also rates the Applicant’s level of compliance risk, based on responses provided in the Application as well as the Applicant’s reporting history, reporting capacity, and performance risk with respect to the CDFI Fund’s PG&Ms. Applications that score a 1, 2, or 3 for the Compliance Risk Evaluation will move on to Step 3. Applications that score a confirmed 4 or 5 will be deemed a high compliance risk and will not advance to Step 3.
Step 3: Application Evaluation and Initial Funding Recommendation

- Evaluation will be conducted by one external non-federal reviewer and one internal CDFI Fund or other federal government reviewer.

- The external reviewer will:
  - Review and score the Applications based on criteria outlined in the CDFI ERP NOFA.
  - Provide a recommendation as to whether the Application should be forwarded to Step 4 for an Award determination.*

- The federal reviewer will:
  - Conduct quality control for the external reviewer’s evaluation and be responsible for scoring of the Application.
  - Provide a recommendation as to whether the Application should be forwarded to Step 4 for an Award determination.*
  - Recommend a preliminary Award amount.

* The recommendation on whether an Application should be forwarded to Step 4 is based on whether an Application achieves minimal standards for clarity and consistency of business strategy; clear and eligible use of funding; and organizational capacity to deploy at least a minimum Award amount during the Period of Performance. This recommendation will not be the result of the Step 3 External Reviewer Score.
Step 4: Award Amount Determination

- For each Application, a Selecting Official (CDFI Fund staff) conducts quality control to ensure that the evaluation conducted in Step 3 was in accordance with the evaluation criteria.

- The Selecting Official then determines an initial Award amount based on the results of Step 3.

  - The Selecting Official may adjust the Award amount from the Step 3 recommendation if there are concerns about the Applicant’s ability to deploy the full recommended Award amount within the Period of Performance.

- The CDFI Fund will then make proportional adjustments on the initial Award amount (if necessary) to ensure that no more than the total amount available for award is awarded. After these adjustments, Award amounts will be final.

For more information on the CDFI ERP Application Evaluation Process, see the NOFA.
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Performance Goals & Measures (PG&Ms)

As a condition of their Award, CDFI ERP Recipients must meet certain PG&Ms, including but not limited to:

- All CDFI ERP Recipients must expend:
  - 60% of the Award amount by the end of year three of the Period of Performance;
  - 80% of the Award amount by the end of year four of the Period of Performance; and
  - 100% of the Award amount by the Period of Performance end date.

Financial Products and expended Award funds used to satisfy the CDFI ERP PG&Ms for reporting may not also be used to satisfy PG&Ms for the CDFI Program and NACA Program, the Small Dollar Loan Program, or the CDFI Rapid Response Program.
Performance Goals & Measures (PG&Ms)

- All CDFI ERP eligible activities must serve ERP-Eligible Geographies, except 10% of an Award amount, which may be deployed outside of ERP-Eligible Geographies to serve Low- or Moderate-Income persons and businesses (including non-profit organizations) disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic that are included in CDFI Eligible Markets.

- Additional PG&Ms for each Recipient will be determined based on its proposed commitments, relative to the CDFI ERP policy priorities in its Application. Final PG&Ms will be set forth in the CDFI ERP Assistance Agreement.
Five-year Period of Performance, which begins with the date of the Award announcement and includes the Recipient’s five full consecutive fiscal years after the date of the Award announcement.

Annual reporting requirements include:

- Transaction Level Report (TLR)
- Uses of Award Report (UAR)
- Performance Progress Report (PPR)
- Financial Statement Audit Report (if applicable)
- Single Audit Report (if applicable)

Reporting requirements may be added or modified to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to conduct a study of CDFI ERP impact.

The CDFI Fund will require Recipients to collect and report data on the race and ethnicity of borrowers and/or beneficiaries of the program. Final requirements will be outlined in the Assistance Agreement.
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Application Materials

Additional information and all Application Materials for the CDFI ERP can be found on the CDFI Fund’s website: www.cdfifund.gov/ERP

Note: Check the CDFI Fund website for any updates to Application Materials
Questions and Answers

Thank you for participating in today’s webinar!