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### CERTIFICATION APPLICATION OVERVIEW

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FUND (CDFI FUND) MISSION

The mission of the CDFI Fund 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.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (CDFI) CERTIFICATION

"CDFI Certification" or "CDFI Certified" is defined as the official U.S. Department of the Treasury designation issued by the CDFI Fund to entities that provide financing activities to underserved people and communities. CDFI Certification does not constitute an opinion by the CDFI Fund as to the effectiveness or financial viability of an entity.

In order to be certified as a CDFI, an entity must meet each of the following criteria<sup>1</sup>:

- Be a legal entity;
- Have a primary mission of promoting community development;
- Be a financing entity that predominantly engages in the provision of arm's-length<sup>2</sup>, on-balance sheet<sup>3</sup> Financial Products<sup>4</sup> and/or Financial Services and has done so for at least one full fiscal year;
- Primarily serve one or more Target Markets with its arm's-length, on-balance sheet Financial Products and, if elected, Financial Services;
- Provide Development Services in conjunction with its arm's-length, on-balance sheet Financial Products;
- Maintain accountability to each component of its CDFI Certification Target Market; and
- Be a non-governmental<sup>5</sup> entity.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In some cases, the entity as well as its affiliates may be subject to some or all of the listed criteria.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Entities that are Controlled by a Certified CDFI and seek to participate in the CDFI Fund's Bond Guarantee Program (BG Program) can meet the Certification requirements using Financial Product activity that is not arm's-length, as long as the activity is by and between such entities and their Controlling CDFIs. Such activity must be pursuant to operating agreements that include management and ownership provisions and are in a form and substance acceptable to the CDFI Fund (see 12 C.F.R. 1805.201(b)(2)(C)(iii)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Unless otherwise noted, balance sheet also refers to statement of financial position or statement of financial condition, which shows an organization's assets, liabilities, and owner's equity (or stockholders' equity); based on entity type.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The CDFI Fund recognizes the following types of Financial Products – loans; Equity Investments; loan guarantees; debt with equity features; the purchase of loans originated by Certified CDFIs; the purchase of certain loans from organizations that are not certified as CDFIs; and any similar financing activity pre-approved by the CDFI Fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A CDFI that is operated or Controlled by a Tribal Government is eligible to apply for certification. Indian tribes are not agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. or any state.

### **KEY DEFINITIONS**

All capitalized terms in this Application are defined herein, in 12 C.F.R. Part 1805, or 12 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.

### **KEY DEFINITIONS FOR IDENTIFYING AFFILIATES/SUBSIDIARIES**

<u>Affiliate</u>: a company or entity that Controls, is Controlled by, or operates under common Control with another company.

<u>Subsidiary</u>: a company that is owned or Controlled directly, or indirectly, by another company.

Control, Controlled or Controlling:

- Ownership, control, or power to vote 25% or more of the outstanding shares of any class of voting securities of any company, directly or indirectly or acting through one or more other persons;
- (2) Control in any manner over the election of a majority of the directors, trustees, general partners or individuals exercising similar functions of any company; or
- (3) Power to exercise, directly or indirectly, a controlling influence over the management, credit, or investment decisions or policies of any company.

<u>Spinoff</u>: A newly created entity formed by one or more separate entities that has received the financing assets and activities of the original entity(ies) for the purpose of continuing such financing activities and becoming a Certified CDFI.

### **KEY DEFINITIONS OF REGULATED FINANCING ENTITIES**

<u>Depository Institution Holding Company (DIHC)</u>: a bank holding company or a savings and loan holding company, as defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813(w)(1)).

<u>Insured Depository Institution (IDI)</u>: any bank or thrift with deposits insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Insured Credit Union: any credit union with member accounts insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund.

<u>State-Insured Credit Unions</u>: credit unions that are regulated by and/or have insurance for their member accounts from a state agency or instrumentality.

<u>State:</u> refers to any of the 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Northern Mariana Islands.

### **ELIGIBLE FINANCIAL PRODUCTS**

The CDFI Fund recognizes the following types of Financial Products for CDFI Certification purposes:

- Loans;
- Equity Investments;
- Loan guarantees;
- Forgivable loans that require at least one payment within 12 months of the loan closing date;
- Purchase of loans originated by Certified CDFIs;
- Purchase of loans originated by entities that do not have the CDFI Certification, but were made to members of the Applicant's Target Market(s);
- Credit cards;
- Lines of credit; and
- Debt with equity features.

Unless otherwise indicated, to be recognized as a Financial Product the related transactions must be arm'slength and on-balance sheet. Financial Product transactions originated during the reporting fiscal year that may have been sold or paid off by the last day of the reporting fiscal year should be included in the Financial Product activity data, even though they no longer appear on-balance sheet.

Any similar financing activity not listed above must be approved separately by the CDFI Fund to be recognized as a Financial Product. If the Applicant is uncertain the Financial Product it offers aligns with the Financial Product type(s) listed above, the Applicant should obtain clarification. To obtain clarification, the Applicant must submit a Service Request in AMIS in advance of an Application submission for the CDFI Fund's consideration.

### ELIGIBLE FINANCIAL SERVICES

The CDFI Fund recognizes the following types of Financial Services for CDFI Certification purposes:

- Checking accounts;
- Savings and share accounts;
- Check cashing;
- Money orders;
- Certified checks;
- Automated teller machines;
- Money market accounts;
- Safe deposit box services; and
- Any similar services not listed above must be specially approved by the CDFI Fund to be recognized as a Financial Service).

The CDFI Fund recognizes all of the above Financial Services for the purpose of the CDFI Certification criterion, except the Target Market test. For the purposes of the Target Market criterion, only the direct holding of depository accounts will be accepted as an eligible Financial Service. Depository accounts include: savings/share accounts, checking accounts, certificates of deposit, and money market accounts.

# OBTAINING PRE-APPPROVAL TO INCLUDE SIMILAR FINANCIAL PRODUCTS, SIMILAR FINANCIAL SERVICES, NEW TARGETED POPULATIONS, OR DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Applicants seeking approval to include Financial Products, Financial Services, new Targeted Populations, or Development Services that are not currently recognized or previously approved by the CDFI Fund, must submit a Service Request in AMIS for the CDFI Fund's consideration in advance of an Application submission. The request must include the name and description of the Financial Product, Financial Service, Targeted Population, and/or Development Service being proposed. Applicants should provide a narrative describing the significant unmet capital, financial services and/or development services needs as rationale for the request. Any supporting evidence (e.g., study, survey) must have been conducted within the past five years, from a third-party source, and pertain specifically to the proposed request.

# ADDITIONAL AND ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS AND PROVISIONS BY CDFI TYPE

# REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION HOLDING COMPANIES (DIHCs), AFFILIATES OF DIHCs, AND SUBSIDIARIES OF INSURED DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS (IDIs)

If the entity seeking CDFI Certification is a Depository Institution Holding Company (DIHC), an Affiliate of a DIHC, or a Subsidiary of an Insured Depository Institution (IDI), it must meet the CDFI Certification requirements based on a review of its compliance with those requirements, as well as a collective review of the following Affiliates:

- Any Affiliate that is a DIHC or an IDI that Controls the Applicant;
- If an Applicant is a DIHC, any Affiliate that the Applicant Controls that directly engages in the provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services; or
- Any Affiliate that is mutually Controlled with the Applicant by a DIHC or an IDI and that directly engages in the provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services.

DIHCs, Affiliates of DIHCs, and Subsidiaries of IDIs may obtain or maintain CDFI Certification only if:

- they individually meet each of the CDFI Certification requirements (DIHCs can meet the Target Market requirements based on the activity of an Affiliate(s));
- all of their relevant Affiliates individually meet Primary Mission, Accountability, and Development Services requirements; and
- they and their relevant Affiliate(s) meet the Target Market Test in the aggregate.

### PRIMARY MISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION APPLICANTS WITH AFFILIATES

For DIHCs, Affiliates of DIHCs, and Subsidiaries of IDIs, including Subsidiaries of a Tribal Government, the CDFI Certification Primary Mission requirements must be met by all relevant Affiliates, as described in the "Requirements for DIHCs, Affiliates of DIHCs, and Subsidiaries of IDIs" above, to the collective CDFI certification review.

For all other Applicants, the CDFI Certification Primary Mission requirements must be met by any Affiliate of the Applicant that Controls the Applicant or that directly engages in the provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services.

For more information, see the Primary Mission section of the Application form and the guidance materials.

### ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR MEETING THE CDFI CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following policies detail how different types of entities can meet the CDFI Certification requirements in a manner consistent with their structure:

### ENTITIES CONTROLLED BY TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS – PRIMARY MISSION REQUIREMENTS

Entities Controlled by a Tribal Government are eligible to apply for CDFI Certification. Indian tribes are not agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. or any State. An entity's affiliation with a Tribal Government will not affect its ability to meet the non-governmental entity criteria.

The CDFI Certification Applicant and/or relevant Affiliates that are Controlled by a Tribal Government will need to demonstrate that it meets the Primary Mission requirements; the Tribal Government is not required to meet Primary Mission requirements.

### DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION HOLDING COMPANIES (DIHCs), INSURED DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS (IDIs), INSURED CREDIT UNIONS, AND STATE-INSURED CREDIT UNIONS – FINANCING ENTITY REQUIREMENTS

As regulated and insured financial institutions, DIHCs, IDIs, Insured Credit Unions, and State-Insured Credit Unions automatically meet the CDFI Certification Financing Entity requirements, provided they have been engaged in eligible financing for at least one full fiscal year prior to submission of the Application.

### DIHCS THAT DO NOT ENGAGE IN THEIR OWN FINANCIAL PRODUCT OR FINANCIAL SERVICES ACTIVITY – TARGET MARKET REQUIREMENTS

A DIHC that does not directly provide Financial Products or Financial Services may meet the Target Market requirements by relying on the collective activity of its Affiliates, if:

- the DIHC's legal entity documentation is dated at least 12 months prior to the submission of the CDFI Certification Application; and
- at least one Affiliate has been engaged in closing Financial Products transactions or completing Financial Services activities for at least one full fiscal year prior to submission of the Application.

### ENTITIES APPLYING FOR CERTIFICATION SOLELY FOR PARTICIPTION AS ELIGIBLE CDFIS IN THE CDFI BOND GUARANTEE (BG) PROGRAM – FINANCING ENTITY AND ARM'S-LENGTH TRANSACTION REQUIREMENTS

Entities applying for Certification solely for participation as Eligible CDFIs in the CDFI Fund's CDFI Bond Guarantee Program (BG Program) that are unable to meet CDFI Certification Financing Entity requirements based on their own status, will be considered Financing Entities if they are Controlled by a Certified CDFI. Such entities may also need to meet additional parameters and restrictions established via the applicable Notice of Guarantee Availability for the particular CDFI Fund BG Program Application round (see 12 CFR 1805.201(b)(2)(C)(ii)).

Entities applying for Certification solely for participation as Eligible CDFIs in the CDFI Fund's CDFI BG Program must be Controlled by a Certified CDFI and meet CDFI Certification requirements using on-balance sheet Financial Product activity and Development Services activity that is not arm's-length, provided that the activity is by and between such entities and their Controlling Certified CDFIs. Such activity must be pursuant to operating agreements that include management and ownership provisions, and that are in a form and substance acceptable to the CDFI Fund (see 12 CFR 1805.201(b)(2)(C)(iii)).

Entities certified under this provision are not eligible for CDFI Fund funding programs other than the BG Program. If such an entity seeks access to other CDFI Fund programs, it must apply for CDFI Certification using the regular Application process and demonstrate it meets all of the regular requirements for CDFI Certification.

### SPINOFF ENTITIES - PRIMARY MISSION, FINANCING ENTITY AND TARGET MARKET REQUIREMENTS

An entity spun off from one or more non-CDFI certified entities that offer arm's-length, onbalance sheet Financial Products is eligible to seek CDFI Certification, even if it has less than one full fiscal year financing activity of its own. Such entities must be able to meet the requirements of the CDFI Certification provision for Spinoff entities outlined in the Financing Entity and Target Market sections.

In addition, if an Applicant seeks to use the CDFI Certification provision for Spinoff entities, it must meet the Primary Mission timeframe requirement by demonstrating that either the Applicant, or an entity from which the Applicant received Financial Products, had an appropriate primary mission of community development in place throughout the six full months completed immediately prior to submission of the CDFI Certification Application.

An entity spun off from a CDFI is not eligible for this provision.

For more detail on these policies, please see the instructions for each relevant CDFI Certification criterion in the CDFI Certification Application form, and in the guidance materials.

### **OTHER CONDITIONS**

#### ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS - FINANCIAL INTEREST POLICY

Governing Board and Advisory Board members who are principals<sup>6</sup> or staff members of the Applicant organization or its Subsidiaries, Affiliates, or whose family members are principals or staff members, cannot be used to demonstrate Target Market Accountability.

### **TARGET MARKET - TRANSACTION LEVEL REPORT**

All Applicants must complete and submit a Transaction Level Report (TLR) before beginning an Application for CDFI Certification. The TLR is a data collection tool that provides a method to evaluate the extent to which an entity serves distressed areas and underserved populations. Data provided through the TLR will be used to determine the share of an entity's Financial Products and/or Financial Services that are deployed to the entity's proposed Target Market(s). For additional information on the TLR, review the related CDFI Transaction Level Report documents.

### TRANSITION FROM GOVERNMENT CONTROL TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

If an Applicant was previously Controlled by a government or government-Controlled entity, it can demonstrate that it is no longer controlled by a government entity if its governance, organizing documents, and board's activities demonstrate that it allows for an election or appointment of a non-governmentally controlled board, and such board remains non-governmentally controlled for one year from the date of the change. The date and authorizing signature of approval of the non-governmentally controlled board must be clearly displayed in the organizing documents.

### OBTAINING PRE-APPROVAL FOR FINANCIAL PRODUCTS, FINANCIAL SERVICES, TARGET MARKETS AND TARGET MARKET ASSESSMENT METHODS

The CDFI Certification Application identifies the list of Financial Products, Financial Services, Target Market and Target Market assessment methodologies approved by the CDFI Fund. Approved Financial Products, Financial Services, and Target Market assessment methodologies must be used exactly as approved, unless and until modification of the method is authorized by the CDFI Fund.

If an Applicant seeks recognition of an additional Financial Product or Financial Service, or use of an alternative or modified Target Market assessment method, it can submit a service request through AMIS for the CDFI Fund's consideration. If new Financial Products, Financial Services, or assessment methodologies are approved, the CDFI Fund will update the list of pre-approved Financial Products, Financial Services, or assessment methodologies as appropriate, so that they are made available to other Applicants and Certified CDFIs as well.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The CDFI Fund defines Principal as an individual that retains ownership, Control or power to vote 25% or more of the outstanding shares of voting securities of the Applicant.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- Review the "Certification as a Community Development Financial Institution" and "Definitions" sections of the CDFI Program Revised Interim Regulations, 12 CFR Part 1805, available on the CDFI Fund's public website—<u>www.cdfifund.gov</u>. Note, capitalized words or phrases throughout the CDFI Certification Application are defined terms that can be found in the Interim Regulation or the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.).
- Review the Application and supplemental Application guidance documents provided on the CDFI Fund's <u>CDFI Certification webpage</u>.
- 3) Refer to <u>guidance materials</u> on how to access and use the CDFI Fund's online portal, Awards Management Information System (AMIS).
- 4) Create or access an existing account for the Applicant entity in AMIS using the <u>guidance</u> <u>materials</u> located on the CDFI Fund's webpage.
- 5) Review and update the Applicant's Employer Identification Number (EIN) on the organization detail page in AMIS, if needed. Note: Each CDFI Certification Applicant must have its own valid EIN and be a legal entity at the time it submits the CDFI Certification Application. The EIN documentation provided in the "Legal Entity" section must match the organization's name and EIN in AMIS.
- 6) Review and update the Applicant's contact information on the "organization detail" page in AMIS, if needed. At least one Authorized Representative must be identified in order to submit a completed CDFI Certification Application. Anyone listed as a contact in the Applicant's online account can fill out the CDFI Certification Application. However, only a contact designated as an Authorized Representative will be able to make submissions. Note: An Authorized Representative must be a person who is authorized to act and legally bind on behalf of the Applicant. Consultants cannot be identified as an Authorized Representative.
- 7) Email systems and firewalls should be set to accept messages generated by AMIS. Contact the AMIS Help Desk via an AMIS Service Request for assistance, if needed.
- 8) Applicants must provide additional Basic Information and Legal Entity documentation for relevant Affiliates in the Applicant's account in AMIS and/or within the CDFI Certification Application. Note: Legal documents not written in English must be translated.
- 9) Review and update information on Applicant's relevant Affiliates in AMIS, as needed.
- 10) Applicant must determine if its Financial Products, Financial Services, Target Market and Target Market assessment methods match the CDFI Fund's pre-approved lists, or request their approval from the CDFI Fund, prior to submitting the Application. If any Financial Product, Financial Service, Target Market, or Target Market assessment methods are not used by the Applicant as approved by the CDFI Fund, the Applicant is prohibited from presenting them in the

CDFI Certification Application. See "Obtaining Pre-Approval for Financial Products, Financial Services, Target Markets, and Target Market Assessment Methods" p. 8.

- 11) Upload transactional data to the Transaction Level Report (TLR) collection tool that supports the proposed Target Market and Accountability criteria using the eligible American Community Survey (ACS) dataset approved by the CDFI Fund. Note: This step must be completed BEFORE beginning the Application.
  - a. Manual TLR data entry To manually enter transactions, select the "CDFI TLR" tab in AMIS.
  - b. File upload of data To upload a file of transaction records, select "TLR Import/Export/Certify" tab in AMIS.
- 12) If required, create a Target Market map(s) using the <u>guidance materials</u> for the CDFI Fund's Community Impact Mapping System (CIMS). The Applicant will not be able to attach or submit a map that has not been created in AMIS. If an AMIS-created map is not created, or the analysis demonstrates that the geography is not eligible, the respective Target Market will not be approved.
- 13) The following Application sections will require the Applicant to confirm and/or update information in the Applicant's "Organization Detail Page" in AMIS: Basic Information, Target Market and Accountability.
- 14) Submit the CDFI Certification Application in AMIS. Upon submission of the CDFI Certification Application, the Applicant's contacts identified in AMIS will receive notification that the Application has been received.
- 15) The Application cannot be reopened for modification by the Applicant after submission in AMIS.
- 16) If approved, a CDFI Certification Agreement for approved Applications and a Certified CDFI Logo toolkit will be sent to the Applicant's Authorized Representative via email. An Authorized Representative must electronically review, sign and return the CDFI Certification Agreement within ten (10) business days via AMIS. A copy of the executed Agreement will be available in their AMIS account for future reference. Note: Upon Certification, certain organizational information about the Applicant and its activities may be posted on the CDFI Fund's public website for the purpose of creating a public list and description of Certified CDFIs. A copy of the CDFI Certification Agreement can be found on the CDFI Fund website.
- 17) If declined, a determination letter will be sent to the Applicant's Authorized Representative via email. Applicants that receive denials can request a debriefing through the submission of a Service Request via AMIS. New CDFI Certification Applications can be submitted with or without a debriefing.
- 18) Upon Certification, the CDFI shall comply with all record retention and access requirements set forth in the Uniform Requirements at 2 C.F.R. 200.334-338. Public access to Recipient records shall be maintained in accordance with the Uniform Requirements at 2 C.F.R. 200.337, including access applicable under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) (FOIA). The CDFI shall maintain all CDFI Certification-related records for a minimum of ten years after submission of

the document(s) or record(s) to the CDFI Fund. The CDFI shall maintain documentation supporting the data reported to the CDFI Fund.

19) Upon Certification, the CDFI will be required to meet annual reporting requirements through the submission of an Annual Certification and Data Collection Report and Transaction Level Report, no later than 180 days after its fiscal year end or as requested by the CDFI Fund.

In addition to the above, all Applicants should note the following:

Applications may be rejected if they contain inconsistencies in the Applicant's name and in related or required documents.

Applications that contain incomplete or inaccurate information may be declined for CDFI Certification without a full review.

Upon designation as a Certified CDFI, entities must continue to meet all Certification requirements. The CDFI Certification can be revoked if the entity fails to provide documentation demonstrating it meets the Certification requirements.

In addition, upon Certification, certain organizational information about the Applicant and its activities may be posted on the CDFI Fund's public website for the purpose of creating a public list and description of Certified CDFIs.

The CDFI Certification status cannot be transferred to another entity. Applicants that are acquired or merge with another entity while the Certification Application review is in progress will not be reviewed, regardless of whether the Applicant is the surviving entity; the merger or acquisition is considered a material event. In such cases, the surviving entity must submit a new Certification Application after the merger or acquisition is consummated.

### Additional Questions and Resources

If you have questions regarding the CDFI Certification Application process, you may contact the CDFI Fund Office of Certification Policy and Evaluation team by submitting a Service Request in AMIS.

Information regarding the CDFI Certification Application and the Application process can also be obtained by visiting the CDFI Fund's <u>CDFI Certification webpage</u>.

The following sections include specific guidance, questions, and data points for Applicants to complete the CDFI Certification Application in AMIS. The Application contains conditional questions that will appear in AMIS only for those Applicants to which the questions apply, based upon financial institution type and/or responses to other questions. In this document, which is for illustrative purposes only, such questions are generally identified and/or appear nested below the questions to which they apply.

### APPLICANT BASIC INFORMATION

The Basic Information section of the CDFI Certification Application collects general information about the CDFI Certification Applicant and its Affiliates that must be reviewed in connection with CDFI Certification requirements. Certain information in this section will be auto-populated based on data from the Applicant's AMIS account.

# To ensure accurate data is auto-populated into the Application's Basic Information section, Applicant and Affiliate AMIS accounts must be up to date.

To complete the Basic Information section, the Applicant should:

- Review auto-populated information in the Basic Information fields for accuracy. If information is missing or inaccurate, submit all updates and make corrections in the Organization Detail Page in AMIS. For assistance with technical issues, submit a Service Request in AMIS.
- Complete the unpopulated Basic Information fields.
- Attach copies of all required documentation in the Basic Information section of the Application.

The Applicant and/or Affiliate names listed in the Application and in AMIS should match those listed in any uploaded documentation. The Application will be rejected if the names differ, unless sufficient documentation or explanation can be provided.

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
BI1	Applicant - Entity Name	[Auto-populated from the
		Applicant's AMIS account.]
BI2	Applicant - Financial Institution Type	[Auto-populated from the
		Applicant's AMIS account.]
BI3	Applicant – Depository Institution Holding	Select Yes or No.
	Company	
BI4	Applicant – Minority Depository Institution as	Select Yes or No.
	designated by the FDIC or NCUA	
BI5	Applicant – Employer Identification Number	[Auto-populated from the
	(EIN)	Applicant's AMIS account.]
BI6	Applicant – Unique Entity Identifier	[Auto-populated from Applicant's
		AMIS account.]
BI7	Applicant – Date of	[Auto-populated from the
	Incorporation/Organization/Establishment	Applicant's AMIS account.]
BI8	Applicant – Fiscal Year End Month	[Auto-populated from the
		Applicant's AMIS account.]
BI9	Applicant – Fiscal Year End Day	[Auto-populated from the
		Applicant's AMIS account.]
BI10	Does the Applicant engage in its own arm's-	Select Yes or No.
	length, on-balance sheet Financial Product or	

Section	Question	or purpose of data field	Response
	Financial CDFI Cert	Services activity and can it meet the ification requirements based on its ncial Product and/or Financial Services	
	BI10.1	If No, identify the CDFI Certification provision(s) the Applicant seeks to use that enables it to use the Financial Product or Financial Services activity of an Affiliate(s) or to use on-balance sheet Financial Product activity that is not arm's- length to meet the CDFI Certification requirements.	<ul> <li>Select one:         <ul> <li>Applicant is applying for Certification solely to participate in the BG Program and is an Affiliate of a Controlling Certified CDFI.</li> <li>Applicant is a DIHC relying on the activity of an Affiliate(s) to meet the CDFI Certification requirements.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
BI11	date the A establishr	east 12 full months passed since the Applicant's incorporation/organization/ ment documentation was filed with or by the appropriate authorizing	Yes or No.
	BI11.1	If Yes, what is the earliest date that the Applicant can demonstrate that it closed an arm's-length, on-balance sheet Financial Product or completed a Financial Services transaction?	Enter date.
	BI11.2	If No, identify the exception(s) to the CDFI Certification requirement that 12 full months must have passed since an entity began its financing activity that the Applicant seeks to use.	<ul> <li>Select all that apply: <ul> <li>Applicant is participating in the BG Program and is an Affiliate of a Controlling Certified CDFI.</li> <li>Applicant seeks to use the CDFI Certification provision for Spinoff entities.</li> <li>Applicant is a DIHC relying on the activity of an Affiliate(s) to meet the CDFI Certification requirements.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
BI12	provision for partici	licant seeks to use a CDFI Certification for entities seeking Certification solely ipating in the CDFI Fund's Bond e Program (BG Program):	Select the Certified CDFI Affiliate from Picklist.
	Identify a Applicant	Certified CDFI that Controls the	

Section	Question	or purpose of data field	Response
BI13	directly in	licant is a DIHC that does not engage the provision of Financial Products nancial Services:	Yes or No.
	that has e length, or Financial s prior to su	Applicant have at least one Affiliate(s) engaged in the provision of arm's- n-balance sheet Financial Products or Services for at least one full fiscal year ubmission of the CDFI Certification	
BI14		I Certification Applicant an Affiliate of Nory Institution Holding Company	Yes or No.
BI15	an Insure	I Certification Applicant a Subsidiary of depository Institution (IDI)?	Yes or No.
BI16	Does the BI16.1	Applicant issue stock? If Yes, attach stock certificate summary report that indicates voting securities held.	Yes or No. Attach document(s).
BI17	If the App	licant seeks to use the CDFI Certification	provision for Spinoff entities:
	BI17.1	Can the Applicant demonstrate that at least one Financial Product it currently offers was transferred to the Applicant by at least one Affiliate?	Yes or No. If No, the Applicant is not eligible to use the CDFI Certification provision for Spinoff entities.
	BI17.2	Can the Applicant demonstrate that at least one of its currently-offered, transferred Financial Products has been offered by the Applicant and/or an original entity from which it received the Financial Product activity for at least one full fiscal year prior to submission of this Application?	Yes or No. If No, the Applicant is not eligible to use the CDFI Certification provision for Spinoff entities.
		Subsequent to the receipt of any transferred Financial Products, can the Applicant demonstrate that it has closed at least one such Financial Product using its own capital?	Yes or No. If No, the Applicant is not eligible to use the CDFI Certification provision for Spinoff entities.
	BI17.3	Can the Applicant demonstrate that for either the Applicant or an Affiliate from which it received Financial Product activity, an acceptable primary mission has been in place for at least the	Yes or No. If No, the Applicant is not eligible for CDFI Certification.

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
	immediate six months completed	
	prior to submission of the CDFI	
	Certification Application?	
BI18	Does the Applicant have a parent/controlling	Select Yes or No.
	entity, or any Affiliates that engage in the	
	provision of Financial Products or Financial	
	Services?	
BI19	Applicant bylaws or similar documentation:	Attach documentation.
	Attach a copy of the Applicant's governing or	
	managing board-approved or owner-approved	
	bylaws, partnership agreement, or similar	
	documentation.	
BI20	Applicant bylaws or similar documentation:	Select all that apply:
		- Documentation indicates
	Indicate how governing or managing	the date approved by the
	board/owner-approval of the Applicant's bylaws,	governing or managing
	partnership agreement, or similar document and	board or the owner and is
	the date of approval is evidenced in the attached	signed by an officer(s) of
	documentation.	the governing/managing
		board, owner, or
		authorized representative.
		- A statement attached to
		the documentation
		indicates the date
		approved by the governing
		or managing board or
		owner and is signed by an
		officer(s) of the
		governing/managing
		board, owner, or
		authorized representative.
		- Official
		governing/managing board
		meeting minutes signed by
		an officer(s) of the
		governing/managing board
		show the date of the
		governing/managing board
		meeting at which the
		documentation was
		approved and clearly
		indicate governing/
		managing board approval

Section	Question or purpose of data field F		Response
			of the documentation at that meeting.
			- Other.
	B120.1	If " <b>Other</b> ," explain.	Provide explanation.
BI21	If governing or managing board or owner- approval and/or the date of approval of the Applicant's bylaws, partnership agreement, or similar document is not evidenced within the relevant document itself: Attach additional documentation that evidences approval.		Attach documentation.
BI22	Designate an Authorized Representative for the CDFI Certification Application.		Select Authorized Representative.
BI23	•	a Point of Contact for the CDFI on Application.	Select Point of Contact.

### BASIC INFORMATION – BOARD AND EXECUTIVE STAFF DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Provide the following information about the members of the Applicant's Governing Board and Executive Staff.<sup>7</sup> If a Governing Board or Executive Staff members race and ethnicity are not known, that individual should be counted as "Non-Hispanic White/Non-Minority."

Section	Question of	or purpose of data field	Response
BI-DI1	Indicate th members.	e total number of Governing Board	Enter number.
BI-DI2		e total number of Governing Board who identify as a member of a opulation.	Enter number.
BI-DI3	-	e of Governing Board members who a member of a minority <sup>8</sup> population.	[Auto-calculated].
	BI-DI3.1 Indicate the number of Governing Board members who identify as Black.		Enter number.
	BI-DI3.2 Percentage of Governing Board members who identify as Black.		[Auto-calculated].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Executive Staff means all directors and executive officers (e.g. President, Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer) of a company vested with the powers to manage and supervise the day-to-day affairs of an organization.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> As defined in section 523 of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260, the term "minority" means "any Black American, Hispanic American, Asian American, Native American, Native Alaskan, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander." For purposes of this Application, the CDFI Fund relies on definitions established by the <u>1997 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) standards on race and ethnicity</u>.

Section	Question o	or purpose of data field	Response
	BI-DI3.3	Indicate the number of Governing	Enter number.
		Board members who identify as	
		Asian.	
	BI-DI3.4	Percentage of Governing Board	[Auto-calculated].
		members who identify as Asian.	
	BI-DI3.5	Indicate the number of Governing	Enter number.
		Board members who identify as	
		Native American.	
	BI-DI3.6	Percentage of Governing Board	[Auto-calculated].
		members who identify as Native	
		American.	
	BI-DI3.7	Indicate the number of Governing	Enter number.
		Board members who identify as	
		Native Alaskan.	
	BI-DI3.8	Percentage of Governing Board	[Auto-calculated].
		members who identify as Native	
		Alaskan.	
	BI-DI3.9	Indicate the number of Governing	Enter number.
		Board members who identify as	
		Native Hawaiian.	
	BI-DI3.10	Percentage of Governing Board	[Auto-calculated].
		members who identify as Native	
		Hawaiian.	
	BI-DI3.11	Indicate the number of Governing	Enter number.
		Board members who identify as	
		Pacific Islander.	
	BI-DI3.12	Percentage of Governing Board	[Auto-calculated].
		members who identify as Pacific	
		Islander.	
	BI-DI3.13	Indicate the number of Governing	Enter number.
		Board members who identify as	
		Hispanic.	
	BI-DI3.14	Percentage of Governing Board	[Auto-calculated].
		members who identify as Hispanic.	
	BI-DI3.15	Indicate the number of Governing	Enter number.
		Board members who identify as	
		Non-Hispanic White/Non-Minority.	
	BI-DI3.16	Percentage of Governing Board	[Auto-calculated].
		members who identify as Non-	
		Hispanic White/Non-Minority.	
BI-DI4	Indicate th	e number of Governing Board	Enter number.
	members v	who identify as female.	
BI-DI5	Percentage	e of Governing Board members who	[Auto-calculated].
	identify as	female.	
BI-DI6	Indicate th	e number of Governing Board	Enter number.
	members v	who identify as male.	

Section	Question of	or purpose of data field	Response
BI-DI7		e of Governing Board members who	[Auto-calculated].
	identify as	-	-
BI-DI8	Indicate the number of Governing Board		Enter number.
		who identify as non-binary.	
BI-DI9		e of Governing Board members who	[Auto-calculated].
	identify as	non-binary.	
BI-DI10	Indicate th	e total number of Executive Staff.	Enter number.
BI-DI11	Indicate th	e total number of Executive Staff who	Enter number.
	identify as	a member of a minority population.	
BI-DI12	Percentage	e of Executive Staff who identify as a	[Auto-calculated].
	member o	f a minority population.	
	BI-DI2.1	Indicate the number of Executive	Enter number.
		Staff who identify as Black.	
	BI-DI2.2	Percentage of Executive Staff who	[Auto-calculated].
		identify as Black.	
	BI-DI2.3	Indicate the number of Executive	Enter number.
		Staff who identify as Asian.	
	BI-DI2.4	Percentage of Executive Staff who	[Auto-calculated].
		identify as Asian.	
	BI-DI2.5	Indicate the number of Executive	Enter number.
		Staff who identify as Native	
		American.	
	BI-DI2.6	Percentage of Executive Staff who	[Auto-calculated].
		identify as Native American.	
	BI-DI2.7	Indicate the number of Executive	Enter number.
		Staff who identify as Native Alaskan.	
	BI-DI2.8	Percentage of Executive Staff who	[Auto-calculated].
		identify as Native Alaskan.	
	BI-DI2.9	Indicate the number of Executive	Enter number.
		Staff who identify as Native	
		Hawaiian.	
	BI-DI2.10	Percentage of Executive Staff who	[Auto-calculated].
		identify as Native Hawaiian.	
	BI-DI2.11	Indicate the number of Executive	Enter number.
		Staff who identify as Pacific Islander.	
	BI-DI2.12	Percentage of Executive Staff who	[Auto-calculated].
		identify as Pacific Islander.	
	BI-DI2.13	Indicate the number of Executive	Enter number.
		Staff who identify as Hispanic.	
	BI-DI2.14	Percentage of Executive Staff who	[Auto-calculated].
		identify as Hispanic.	
	BI-DI2.15	Indicate the number of Executive	Enter number.
		Staff who identify as Non-Hispanic	
		White/Non-Minority.	

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
	BI-DI2.16 Percentage of Executive Staff who identify as Non-Hispanic White/Non- Minority.	[Auto-calculated].
BI-DI13	Indicate the number of Executive Staff who identify as female.	Enter number.
BI-DI14	Percentage of Executive Staff who identify as female.	[Auto-calculated].
BI-DI15	Indicate the number of Executive Staff who identify as male.	Enter number.
BI-DI16	Percentage of Executive Staff who identify as male.	[Auto-calculated].
BI-DI17	Indicate the number of Executive Staff who identify as non-binary.	Enter number.
BI-DI18	Percentage of Executive Staff who identify as non-binary.	[Auto-calculated].
BI-DI19	Indicate the race/ethnicity of the Applicant's Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director.	Select all that apply: - White - Black - Asian - Native American - Native Alaskan - Native Hawaiian - Pacific Islander - Hispanic
BI-DI20	Indicate the gender of the Applicant's Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director.	Select one: - Female - Male - Non-Binary

### **BASIC INFORMATION – AFFILIATES**

CDFI Certification Applicants that have Affiliates relevant to the CDFI Certification review, as indicated below, must identify those Affiliates and present information regarding them in the Affiliates section of the Application, and elsewhere, as noted in the different section instructions.

In order for Affiliate information to auto-populate the CDFI Certification Application, where indicated, an Affiliate record must be created on the Applicant's AMIS Organization Profile page.

### **DIHCs or Affiliates of DIHCs**

If the Applicant is a DIHC or an Affiliate of a DIHC, it must identify any Affiliate in its family of entities that meets any of the following criteria:

- The Affiliate directly engages in Financial Product and/or Financial Services activity <u>and</u> the Applicant is a DIHC that Controls the Affiliate;

- The Affiliate is a DIHC that Controls the Applicant; or
- The Affiliate directly engages in Financial Product and/or Financial Services activity <u>and</u> the Affiliate and the Applicant are under the mutual Control of a DIHC.

### Subsidiaries of IDIs

If the Applicant is the Subsidiary of an IDI, it must identify any Affiliate in its family of entities that meets any of the following criteria:

- The Affiliate is an IDI that Controls the Applicant; or
- The Affiliate directly engages in Financial Product and/or Financial Services activity and the Affiliate and the Applicant are under the mutual Control of an IDI.

### Applicants that are not DIHCs, Affiliates of DIHCs, or Subsidiaries of IDIs

In addition to presenting Affiliates relevant to any alternative CDFI Certification provision, a CDFI Certification Applicant that is <u>not</u> a DIHC, an Affiliate of a DIHC, or a Subsidiary of an IDI, must identify any Affiliate in its family of entities that meets any of the following criteria for consideration in connection with the Primary Mission requirements:

- The Affiliate Controls the Applicant, except if the Controlling entity is a Tribal Government;
- The Affiliate directly engages in Financial Product and/or Financial Services activity <u>and</u> the Applicant and the Affiliate are under the mutual Control of another entity; or
- The Affiliate directly engages in Financial Product and/or Financial Services activity <u>and</u> the Applicant Controls the Affiliate.

# Applicants seeking Certification solely for participating in the CDFI Fund's Bond Guarantee Program (BG Program)

Applicants seeking to use the CDFI Certification provision for entities seeking Certification solely for participating in the CDFI Fund's BG Program must, in addition to presenting Affiliates relevant to other CDFI Certification requirements, present information on their Controlling Certified CDFI(s).

### **Spinoff Entities**

Applicants seeking to use the CDFI Certification provision for Spinoff entities, must identify and present for review the original entity(ies) from which they received spun-off Financial Product or Financial Services activity.

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
BI-A01	Affiliate – Entity Name	Identify Affiliate.
BI-A02	Affiliate – Employer Identification Number (EIN)	[Auto-populated from the
		Applicant's AMIS account.]

Section	Question or	<sup>r</sup> purpose of data field	Response
BI-A03	Affiliate – U	nique Entity Identifier	[Auto-populated from the Applicant's AMIS account.]
BI-A04	Affiliate – D	ate of	[Auto-populated from the
		on/Organization/Establishment	Applicant's AMIS account.]
BI-A05		te a Certified CDFI?	Yes or No.
	If Yes:		
	BI-A05.1	Does the Applicant seek to use the CDFI Certification provision for BG Program participation, solely to participate in the CDFI Fund's BG Program?	Yes or No.
	BI-A05.2	Does the Affiliate Control the Applicant?	Yes or No.
BI-A06		te a Certified Community nt Entity (CDE)?	Yes or No.
BI-A07	administrat program(s)?	te's sole line of business the ion of another federal financing	Yes or No.
	If Yes:		
	BI-A07.1	Identify the other federal financing program(s).	Enter name(s).
BI-A08	DIHC:	ant is a DIHC or an Affiliate of a relationship between the Applicant liate.	<ul> <li>Select one:         <ul> <li>The Affiliate is a DIHC that Controls the Applicant.</li> <li>The Affiliate directly engages in Financial Product and/or Financial Services activity and it and the Applicant are under the mutual Control of a DIHC.</li> <li>The Affiliate directly engages in Financial Product and/or Financial Services activity and the Applicant is a DIHC that controls the Affiliate.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
BI-A09		cant is a Subsidiary of an IDI: relationship between the Applicant liate.	Select one: - The Affiliate is an IDI that Controls the Applicant The Affiliate directly engages in Financial

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
		Product and/or Financial Services activity and it and the Applicant are under the mutual Control of an IDI.
BI-A10	If the Applicant is <u>not</u> a DIHC, an Affiliate of a DIHC, or a Subsidiary of an IDI: Identify the relationship between the Applicant and the Affiliate.	<ul> <li>Select one:         <ul> <li>The Affiliate Controls the Applicant (do not include Tribal Governments).</li> <li>The Affiliate is Controlled by the Applicant and directly engages in the provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services.</li> <li>The Affiliate and Applicant are mutually Controlled by another entity and the Affiliate directly engages in the provision of Financial Services.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
BI-A11	If the Applicant seeks to use the CDFI Certification provision for Spinoffs in order to meet the Financing Entity and Target Market criteria: Identify the relationship between the Applicant and the original entity from which it received Spinoff Financial Product activity.	<ul> <li>Select one:         <ul> <li>The entity Controlled the Applicant at the time it transferred Financial Product activity to the Applicant.</li> <li>The entity was Controlled by the Applicant at the time it transferred Financial Product activity to the Applicant.</li> <li>The entity and Applicant were mutually Controlled by another entity at the time it transferred Financial Product activity to the Applicant.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
BI-A12	If the Applicant relies on the Affiliate to provide Development Services and the Affiliate	Select one: - The Affiliate currently Controls the Applicant.

Section	Question or	purpose of data field	Response	
	relationship	was not identified in any of the		
	other Affiliat	e relationship data fields:	- The Affiliate is currently	
			Controlled by the	
	Identify the r and the Affili	elationship between the Applicant	Applicant.	
			- The Affiliate and	
			Applicant are currently	
			mutually Controlled by	
			another entity.	
BI-A13	If the Applica	ant seeks to use the CDFI	Enter date.	
	Certification	provision for BG Program		
		, solely to participate in the CDFI		
	Fund's BG Pr	ogram and such Affiliate is a		
	Certified CDF	I that Controls the Applicant:		
	What is the e	earliest date that the Affiliate can		
		that it closed an arm's-length, on-		
		palance sheet Financial Product or completed a		
		vices transaction?		
BI-A14		ant is a DIHC that is relying on the	Yes or No.	
		Affiliate(s) to meet the Target		
	Market requ	irements:		
	Is this Affiliat	e a depository institution that		
		vides Financial Services?		
BI-A15		ant seeks to use the CDFI	Yes or No.	
	Certification	provision for Spinoff entities and		
	the Applican	t received spin-off Financial Product		
	activity from	this entity:	If No, the Applicant is not eligible	
			to use the special CDFI	
	Is the Applica	ant currently offering at least one	Certification provision for Spinoff	
	0	, on-balance sheet Financial Product	entities.	
		n off t by the original entity?		
	If Yes:		<b>.</b>	
	BI-A15.1	Identify at least one Financial	Enter name.	
		Product that was spun off to the		
	BI-A15.2	Applicant by the original entity. Provide the earliest date the	Enter date.	
	DI-A15.2	original entity can demonstrate it		
		closed a spin off Financial Product		
		currently offered by the		
		Applicant.		
If the Applicar	nt has multiple	Affiliates that need to be reviewed i	n connection with one or more of	
• •	•	ements, repeat the "Affiliate – Basic		
applicable Aff	-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	···· ··· ··· ··· ··· ····	
ipplicable Aff	mate.			

### **APPLICANT – FINANCIAL PRODUCTS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES BASIC INFORMATION**

To be eligible for CDFI Certification, an entity must provide at least one Financial Product or be eligible to rely on the Financial Product activity of an Affiliate(s).

Financial Services can be used to meet the CDFI Certification requirements by depository institutions (i.e., bank/thrifts, credit unions, or bank/thrift holding companies) only.

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
BI-FP01	Is the Applicant a DIHC that does not directly	Yes or No.
	offer any arm's-length, on-balance sheet	
	Financial Products?	
BI-FP02	Is the Applicant a participant in the CDFI Fund's	Yes or No.
	BG Program and seeks to use the CDFI	
	Certification provision for such entities that	
	allows on-balance sheet Financial Product	
	activity that is not arm's-length to meet the	
	CDFI Certification requirements solely for the	
	purposes of participating in the BG Program?	

### **BASIC INFORMATION - FINANCIAL PRODUCT INFORMATION – APPLICANT**

For each of the Applicant's Financial Product purposes, complete "Basic Information – Financial Product Information – Table 1" with information on all of the Applicant's arms-length Financial Products.

Basic Information	Basic Information Table 1: Financial Product Information								
Financial Product	Financial Product	Financial	Enter Financing	Enter Financing	Enter	Enter	Enter	Enter	Enter
Purpose	Transaction Type	Product Names	Amount	Amount	Minimum	Maximum	Weighted	Repayment	Repayment
	(Select all that apply)		Offered	Offered	Interest Rate	Interest Rate	Average	Period	Period
			(Minimum)	(Maximum)	at Origination	at Origination	Interest Rate	(Minimum)	(Maximum)
- Home Purchase	-Loans								
- Home Improvement	-Lines of credit								
- Real Estate-	-Credit Card								
Construction/	-Equity								
Permanent/	Investments								
Acquisition w/o	-Debt with Equity								
Rehabilitation-	features								
Commercial	-Loan guarantees								
-Real Estate-	-Loans purchased								
Construction—	from Certified								
Housing-Multi	CDFIs								
Family	-Loans directed to								
-Real Estate—	the Applicant's								
Construction-	proposed Target								
Housing–Single	Market purchased								
Family	from entities								
-Real Estate—	without CDFI								
Rehabilitation-	Certification								
Commercial	-Other similar								
-Real Estate—	financing (pre-								
Rehabilitation—	approved by the								
Housing—Multi	CDFI Fund)								
Family									
- Real Estate—									
Rehabilitation—									
Housing—Single									
Family									
- Consumer									
- Non-Real Estate									
Business									

(Simulated Table – Actual display may differ)

Basic Information Table 1: Financial Product Information							
- Non-Real Estate							
Microenterprise							
- Climate-Centered							
Finance							
- Other							

BI-FP03	If "Other" wa	s selected for Financial Product	Provide description.
	Purpose desc	ribe the purpose.	
BI-FP04		ilar financing" was selected as a duct transaction type:	Yes or No.
	approved as	er similar financing" been pre- an eligible new Financial Product he CDFI Fund?	If No, the Applicant cannot include the financing as an eligible Financial Product.
	If Yes:		
	BI-FP04.1	Provide the name of the new Financial Product category exactly as it appears in the approval letter from the CDFI Fund.	Enter name.
	BI-FP04.2	Attach approval letter evidencing the CDFI Fund's approval of the "other similar financing" product.	Attach documentation.
BI-FP05	Are the listed directly by th	Financial Products offered	Yes or No.
	unectly by th		If No, only a DIHC Applicant may include the Financial Products as eligible Financial Products.
BI-FP06	Are the listed sheet for the	l Financial Products on-balance Applicant?	Yes or No.
			If No, only a DIHC Applicant may include the Financial Products as eligible Financial Products.
BI-FP07		l Financial Product(s) offered by t at arm's-length?	Yes or No.
			If No, the Applicant cannot include the Financial Products as eligible Financial Products.
BI-FP08	demonstrate	earliest date that the Applicant can that it closed an arm's-length, on- t transaction with its Financial	Enter date.

### BASIC INFORMATION – FINANCIAL SERVICES INFORMATION – APPLICANT

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
BI-FS01	Does the Applicant offer Financial Services?	Yes or No.
BI-FS02	If the Applicant is a DIHC, does it directly offer any Financial Services?	Yes or No.

If the Applicant engages in the direct provision of Financial Services Complete "Basic Information – Financial Services Information – Table 1" with information on all of the listed Financial Services offered directly by the Applicant:

Basic Information	Basic Information Table 2: Financial Services Information					
<b>Financial Services</b>	Financial Services Names					
Category (Select						
all that apply)						
-Savings and						
Share Accounts						
-Checking						
Accounts						
-Certificates of						
Deposit						
-Money Market						
Accounts						
-Check Cashing						

(Simulated Table – Actual display may differ)

BI-FS03	Are the selected Financial Service categories ones that the Applicant offers directly?	Yes or No.
BI-FS04	Provide the earliest date a Financial Services transaction was completed.	Enter date.

### **BASIC FINANCIAL PRODUCT INFORMATION – AFFILIATE**

The Applicant must enter Financial Product information for any Affiliate subject to review in connection with any of the CDFI Certification requirements.

Note: AMIS may allow Affiliates that are Certified CDFIs, certified CDEs or have the sole activity of offering other federal financial products, to omit certain Basic Financial Product Information for Affiliates questions.

### **BASIC FINANCIAL SERVICES INFORMATION – AFFILIATE**

The Applicant must enter Financial Services information for any Affiliate that is subject to review in connection with any of the CDFI Certification requirements.

Note: AMIS may allow Affiliates that are Certified CDFIs, certified CDEs or have the sole activity of offering other federal financial products, to omit certain Basic Financial Services Information for Affiliates questions.

### LEGAL ENTITY

To be a Certified CDFI, the Applicant must be duly organized and validly exist under the laws of the State or jurisdiction in which it is incorporated or established as of the date the Application is submitted. The Applicant must also have a valid EIN.

To complete the Legal Entity section of the Application, Applicants will:

- Review and confirm the information included in the auto-populated Legal Entity fields is correct.
   If information is missing or inaccurate, submit all updates and make corrections on the
   Organization Detail Page in AMIS. For assistance with technical issues, submit a Service Request in AMIS.
- Provide information, as requested, in any of the Legal Entity fields that are not auto-populated.
- Attach original copies of all required Legal Entity documents, including any amendments.
- Include evidence that the Legal Entity documentation was filed and approved by the appropriate government agency and of the date the documentation was filed or approved. A letter from a government agency that is signed and dated by the appropriate official stipulating when the Applicant's legal documents were filed and signed, or a stamped document from the government agency containing the date the documents were filed and initialed by the appropriate government official may be submitted to meet this requirement.

The Applicant and/or Affiliate names should match those listed in the Basic Information section or, if sufficient documentation or explanation cannot be provided, the Application may be rejected.

A regulated financial institution that does not have a charter issued by the appropriate Federal Banking Agency or State Agency cannot apply for CDFI Certification. Regulated credit unions and banks/thrifts or bank/thrift holding companies must include a copy of their charter.

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
LE1	Applicant EIN.	[Auto-populated].
LE2	Applicant EIN documentation	Select all that apply: - Official letter from IRS
	Indicate the type of documentation the Applicant is providing as evidence of its EIN.	<ul> <li>providing EIN.</li> <li>Confirmation fax from local IRS office with the organization's name and EIN.</li> <li>A printout of completed and submitted online SS-4 (with organization's EIN in upper right hand corner)</li> </ul>
		upper right hand corner) from IRS website, accompanied by a printout

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		of the online confirmation
		of receipt of EIN from IRS
		website.
LE3	Applicant's EIN documentation	Attach documentation.
	Attach a copy of each EIN documentation	
	selected in question LE02.	
LE4	Date of	[Auto-populated].
	Incorporation/Organization/Establishment	
LE5	Applicant Institution Type.	[Auto-populated ].
LE6	Applicant Federal Regulator.	[Auto-populated ].
LE7	Applicant Charter Number.	[Auto-populated ].
LE8	Applicant FDIC Insurance Certificate Number.	[Auto-populated ].
LE9	Applicant RSSID Number.	[Auto-populated].
LE10	Applicant State or Other Regulator.	[Auto-populated].
LE11	If the Applicant is a depository institution,	- FDIC
	identify the Applicant's insurer.	- NCUA
		- State Regulator
		- Other
		- None
		- N/A
		Applicants other than those
		insured by the FDIC, NCUA or a
		State Regulator must complete the
		Financing Entity section of the
		Application.
LE12	Applicant Legal Entity document(s).	Select all that apply:
		<ul> <li>Articles of Incorporation</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Articles of Organization</li> </ul>
		- Certificate of Incorporation
		- Organization Certificate
		- Certificate of Formation
		- Certificate of Existence
		- Other Legal Entity
		documentation (please
		describe)
LE13	Applicant Legal Entity documentation:	Attach documentation.
	Attach documentation selected in question LE12	
	that evidences the Applicant's Legal Entity	
	status.	Coloct one:
LE14	Applicant Legal Entity documentation:	Select one:
	Indicate how governing or managing	<ul> <li>Legal Entity documentation indicating data approved</li> </ul>
	Indicate how governing or managing	indicating date approved
	board/owner-approval of the Applicant's Legal	by the governing or
	Entity documentation and the date of approval	managing board or the

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
	is evidenced in the related documentation attached to the Application.	<ul> <li>owner, and signed by an officer(s) of the governing/managing board, owner, or authorized representative.</li> <li>A statement attached to the Legal Entity documentation indicating date document(s) was approved by the governing or managing board or owner and signed by an officer(s) of the governing/managing board, owner, or authorized representative.</li> <li>Official governing/managing board meeting minutes signed by an officer(s) of the governing/managing board meeting minutes signed by an officer(s) of the governing/managing board meeting minutes signed by an officer(s) of the governing/managing board meeting at which the Legal Entity document(s) was approved and clearly indicate governing/managing board approval of the document(s) at that meeting.</li> </ul>
	LE14.1 If " <b>Other</b> ," explain.	- Other. Provide explanation.
LE15	If governing or managing board or owner- approval and/or the date of approval of the Applicant's Legal Entity documentation is not evidenced within the relevant document itself:         Attach additional documentation that evidences approval of the Applicant's Legal Entity documentation by the Applicant's governing/managing board or owner and the date approved that is signed by an officer(s) of the governing/managing board, a	Attach documentation.

Section	Question or purpose of data field		Response
	managing	g/general partner, or a managing	
	member	(or an authorized representative of a	
	•	artner or managing member).	
LE16	Have the	re been any amendments to the	Yes or No.
	Applicant's Legal Entity documentation?		
	LE16.1	If yes, attach all amendments.	Attach amendments.
LE17	If the Applicant seeks to use the CDFI Certification provision for BG Program participation, solely to participate in the CDFI BG Program: Attach the operating agreement between the Applicant and a Controlling Certified CDFI that includes management and ownership provisions. The operating agreement will be evaluated to ensure it is in a form and substance acceptable to the CDFI Fund per 12 CFR 1805.201(b)(2)(C)(ii- iii).		Attach operating agreement.

### **PRIMARY MISSION**

A Certified CDFI shall have a primary mission of promoting community development.

In determining whether an entity has a primary mission of promoting community development, the CDFI Fund will consider whether the activities of the Applicant (and of certain Affiliates) are <u>purposefully</u> directed toward improving the social and/or economic conditions of underserved people<sup>9</sup> and/or residents of economically distressed communities. As part of its assessment, the CDFI Fund will consider whether the entity has a reasonable community development strategy and whether the entity meets the CDFI Fund's standards for responsible financing practices.

All Applicants with Affiliates must meet the Primary Mission requirements based on a review of their own status and that of certain members in their family of affiliated entities.

### DIHCs, Affiliates of DIHCs, and Subsidiaries of IDIs

An Applicant that is a DIHC, an Affiliate of a DIHC, or a Subsidiary of an IDI, including Subsidiaries of a Tribal Government, is required by statute to meet the CDFI Certification requirements based on a collective review of its family of entities. Such entities <u>must</u> demonstrate that any Affiliate in its family of entities that meets any of the following criteria each individually meets the Primary Mission requirements:

- The Affiliate is a DIHC or an IDI that Controls the Applicant;
- The Affiliate is Controlled by the Applicant and the Applicant is a DIHC; or
- The Applicant and the Affiliate are mutually Controlled by a DIHC or an IDI <u>and</u> the Affiliate directly engages in the provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services.

### Applicants other than DIHCs, Affiliates of DIHCs, and Subsidiaries of IDIs

Applicants (except a DIHC, Affiliate of a DIHC, or Subsidiary of an IDI) must demonstrate that any Affiliate in its family of entities that meets any of the following criteria each individually meet the Primary Mission requirements:

- The Affiliate Controls the Applicant, except if the Controlling entity is a Tribal Government; <u>or</u>
- The Affiliate engages in the provision of Financial Products and/or in Financial Services.

Affiliates listed in the Basic Information section that are separately-Certified CDFIs or Community Development Entities (CDEs), as well as entities whose sole activity is the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Includes Low-Income persons and/or, as approved by the CDFI Fund, other persons who lack adequate access to capital and/or Financial Services.

participation in other federal financing programs, are presumed to meet the CDFI Certification Primary Mission requirements and are exempt from completing this section of the Application.

### **Spinoffs**

Any Applicant that seeks to use the CDFI Certification provision for Spinoff entities must demonstrate that the Applicant and/or original entity has had an acceptable primary mission of community development in place for at least the full six months completed immediately prior to submission of the CDFI Certification Application. Spinoffs also must demonstrate that all relevant Affiliates each individually meets all of the Primary Mission criteria.

### DOCUMENTING MISSION

The Applicant must be able to demonstrate that it has had an acceptable primary mission of community development in place for at least the six full completed months immediately prior to submission of the Application. Applicants also must demonstrate that any relevant Affiliate has a mission currently in place that supports and/or is consistent with that of the Applicant's.

To demonstrate that it has an acceptable primary mission, an entity must present documentation specified by the CDFI Fund that clearly articulates that the entity's primary purpose is to promote community development and that demonstrates board or owner approval of that mission. Examples of promoting community development include the provision of Financial Products/Services or other efforts to promote affordable or Low-Income housing, public facilities, infrastructure or economic development and/or the provision of community services such as childcare, education, healthcare, social services, workforce development, etc.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The Applicant must be able to demonstrate that it has an acceptable community development strategy such that the Financial Products and/or Financial Services it offers support a community development objective(s) for underserved populations and/or residents of economically distressed communities. To demonstrate that it has an acceptable community development strategy, the Applicant must submit a board -approved (or, for institutions without a board of directors, owner-approved) strategic plan that shows evidence of such a community development strategy. (Affiliates are not required to demonstrate a community development strategy, but must describe how their activities support and/or are consistent with the community development mission of the Applicant.)

### **RESPONSIBLE FINANCING PRACTICES**

To meet the CDFI Certification requirements for responsible financing practices, an entity should provide Financial Products and Financial Services in a way that does not harm consumers. Financial Products should be affordable and based upon a borrower's ability to repay. CDFIs should practice transparency, fair collections, and be in compliance with federal, state, and local laws.

To measure compliance with these principles, the Application asks a series of questions related to the Applicant's Financial Products and Financial Services, some of which may be disqualifying, while others may be used holistically, to evaluate the Applicant's practices as a whole.

Any Applicant that engages in the following practices is ineligible for CDFI Certification:

- Originates or otherwise offers loans that exceed the interest limits that apply to non-depository institutions in the state where the borrower resides;
- Offers mortgage loan products that include negative amortization, interest-only payments, or balloon payments; carry an original maximum term longer than 30 years; charge upfront points and fees in excess of the Qualified Mortgage limits; fail to verify the income of the borrower; or are underwritten at less than the maximum rate in the first five years;
- Offers small business loan products that do not disclose, in writing, the periodic payment due, the total amount to be repaid over the life of the loan, the total finance charges over the life of the loan, or the annual percentage rate (APR) of the loan;
- Sells its charged off debt to debt buyers;
- Has a current Community Reinvestment Act rating below Satisfactory;
- Uses its Equity Investment Financial Products to gain Control over an investee (except if the Applicant must save a business through ownership as a last resort for a limited period of time); or
- Leverages, for its own benefit, the assets of any of its active equity investees.

Furthermore, Applicants that do not evaluate the ability of its consumer or small business borrowers to repay a loan, or that offer such loans that allow for an APR in excess of 36%, may also be determined to be ineligible for CDFI Certification, unless certain other conditions are met.

For purposes of calculating the APR for consumer loans, the CDFI Fund requires Applicants use the methodology prescribed in <u>32 CFR § 232.4 of the Military Lending Act</u> (referred to as the Military Annual Percentage Rate (MAPR)), **regardless of borrower status**. This methodology captures interest and other charges, including application fees and participation fees, sets a single standard for all Applicants, and ensures that Applicants do not have incentives to disguise their rates by not including certain fees in calculating the Annual Percentage Rate.<sup>10</sup> For purposes of calculating the APR for small business loans, Applicants may use the standard Truth in Lending Act (TILA) methodology.

Depository institution Applicants must also provide information on checking or share account features they offer, as well as information on any overdraft or nonsufficient funds (NSF) fees they charge. The CDFI Fund considers the safety and affordability of an Applicant's Financial Services to be an important aspect of the Applicant's commitment to a community development mission, and any Applicant offering products that lack reasonable protections or that charge excessive fees, inconsistent with regulatory guidance or a community development mission, may be determined ineligible for CDFI Certification.

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response	
PM01		Select all that apply.	
	evidence of the Applicant's current primary	<ul> <li>Legal Entity documents</li> </ul>	
	mission of promoting community development	- Bylaws	
	(or, for Affiliates, a mission that supports and/or		

### **PRIMARY MISSION - APPLICANT**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> For additional guidance on calculating the MAPR, see the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) <u>Military</u> <u>Lending Act (MLA), Interagency Examination Procedures—2015 Amendments</u>, Terms of Consumer Credit Extended to Covered Borrowers (Calculation of MAPR) – 32 CFR 232.4, pp. 6-9.

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response		
	is consistent with the community development	- Governing or managing		
	mission of the Applicant).	board resolution		
		- Owner resolution/directive		
PM02	Attach all document(s) needed to evidence the Applicant's:	Attach all documents.		
	Current primary mission of promoting			
	community development (or, for			
	Affiliates, a mission that supports			
	and/or is consistent with the			
	community development mission of the Applicant);			
	Governing or managing board or owner			
	approval of the current mission; and			
	<ul> <li>Date the current mission went into</li> </ul>			
	effect.			
PM03	Indicate how the document(s) demonstrate	Select all that apply:		
	governing or managing board or owner approval	- The document(s) is signed		
	of the Applicant's current mission	by an officer(s) of the		
	documentation.	governing or managing		
		board or the owner.		
		- The document(s) is		
		supplemented by official		
		governing/managing board		
		meeting minutes.		
		- The document(s) is		
		supplemented by a		
		statement that confirms		
		approval of the document(s)		
		by the governing or		
		managing board or owner,		
		and is signed by an officer(s)		
		of the governing or		
		managing board, owner, or		
		authorized representative.		
PM04	Indicate how the document(s) demonstrates the	Select all that apply:		
	date the current mission went into effect.	- The document(s) shows the		
		date it was adopted via the		
		date it was signed.		
		- The document(s) is		
		supplemented by official		
		governing/managing board		
		meeting minutes that clearly		
		indicate the date of the		
Section	Ouestion	or purpose of data field	Response	
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occuron.	QU.COMON		meeting at which the	
			document(s) was adopted.	
			- The document(s) is	
			supplemented by a	
			statement that clearly	
			indicates the date the	
			document(s) was approved	
			by the governing or	
			managing board or owner.	
	Applicant'	c current mission as stated in the	Enter current mission.	
PM05		s current mission as stated in the	Enter current mission.	
<b>D</b> 1406		nission documentation.		
PM06	-	ber(s) in the attached mission	Enter Page Number(s).	
		ation where the Applicant's current		
		articulated.		
PM07		date that the Applicant's current	Enter date.	
		as formally approved.		
PM08	-	hich an appropriate primary mission	[Auto-populated].	
		been in place.		
	If the date the Applicant's current mission was formally approved is less than six full			
		ior to the submission of the CDFI Certifi	••	
	PM08.1	Indicate the type(s) of document(s)	Select all that apply:	
		presented as evidence that the	<ul> <li>Legal Entity documents</li> </ul>	
		Applicant had an immediate prior	- Bylaws	
		primary mission of promoting	<ul> <li>Governing or managing</li> </ul>	
		community development.	board resolution	
			<ul> <li>Owner resolution/directive</li> </ul>	
	PM08.2	Attach all document(s) needed to	Attach document(s).	
		evidence the Applicant's:		
		<ul> <li>Immediate prior primary</li> </ul>		
		mission of promoting		
		community development;		
		Governing or managing		
		board or owner approval of		
		the immediate prior		
		mission; and		
		• Date when the immediate		
		prior mission went into		
		effect.		
	PM08.3	Indicate how the document(s)	Select all that apply:	
		demonstrates governing or	- The document(s) is signed	
		managing board or owner approval	by an officer(s) of the	
		managing board or owner approval of the Applicant's immediate prior	by an officer(s) of the governing or managing	
		managing board or owner approval of the Applicant's immediate prior mission documentation.	by an officer(s) of the governing or managing board or the owner.	

Section	Question	or purpose of data field	Response
			- The document(s) is
			supplemented by official
			governing/managing board
			meeting minutes for the
			meeting at which the
			document(s) was adopted,
			are signed by an officer(s) of
			the governing/managing
			board, and clearly indicate
			approval of the document(s)
			by the board.
			- The document(s) is
			supplemented by a
			statement that confirms
			approval of the document(s)
			by the governing or
			managing board or owner
			and is signed by an officer(s)
			of the governing or
			managing board, owner, or
			authorized representative.
	PM08.4	Indicate how the document(s)	Select all that apply:
	F 10100.4	demonstrates the date the	- The document(s) shows the
		immediate prior mission went into	date it was adopted via the
		effect.	date it was signed.
		enect.	uate it was signed.
			- The document(s) is
			supplemented by official
			governing/managing board
			meeting minutes that clearly
			indicate the date of the
			meeting at which the
			document(s) was adopted.
			- The document(s) is
			supplemented by a
			statement that clearly
			indicates the date the
			document(s) was approved
			by the governing or
			managing board or owner.
	PM08.5	Enter the Applicant's immediate	Enter mission statement(s).
		prior mission exactly as stated in the	
		attached mission documentation.	
	PM08.6	For each type of document	[The type(s) of document(s)
		presented as evidence of the	presented as evidence of current
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Section	<b>Ouestion</b>	or purpose of data field	Response
		Applicant's immediate prior mission,	mission may be auto-populated
		enter the page number(s) in that	based on information entered in
		document where the immediate	PM08.1]
		prior mission is articulated.	
			Enter page number.
	PM08.7	Enter the date that the Applicant's	Enter date.
		immediate prior mission was	
		formally approved by its governing	
		or managing board or owner.	
	If the date	the Applicant's most recent prior mission	on is still less than six complete, full
		ior to the submission of the CDFI Certifi	•
		ocumentation questions, as needed, unt	
	been provi	•	
		MISSION – APPLICANT – COMMUNITY	DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
PM09	What are t	he Applicant's community	Select all that apply:
	developme	ent objective(s) that address the social	- Promote housing
	and/or eco	pnomic conditions of underserved	opportunity <del>.</del>
	people and	d/or residents of economically	<ul> <li>Promote financial access</li> </ul>
	distressed	communities?	(e.g. access to capital in
			persistent poverty
			communities).
			- Promote economic
			development.
			<ul> <li>Promote the development</li> </ul>
			of community facilities.
			<ul> <li>Promote infrastructure</li> </ul>
			development.
			<ul> <li>Promote the availability of</li> </ul>
			community services (such as
			child care, education,
			healthcare, social services,
			workforce development,
			etc.).
			- Promote community
			revitalization.
			- Promote the availability of
			consumer
			products/services.
			- Promote the closure of the
			<ul><li>racial wealth gap.</li><li>Promote the creation of</li></ul>
			quality jobs.
			- Promote business
			development.

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
	PM09.1       If "Other," describe the objective and explain why it can be considered a community	<ul> <li>Promote increased energy, water, and/or location efficiency.</li> <li>Promote financial inclusion and access to affordable Financial Services, particularly for the un- and under-banked and/or in banking deserts (depository institutions only).</li> <li>Other.</li> </ul> Provide explanation.
	development objective	
PM10	For each community development objective selected in question PM09, identify the type of goal(s) supported by the Financial Product(s) in which the Applicant engages.	<ul> <li>[A list of the Applicant's community development objectives will be auto-populated based on information entered in PM09.]</li> <li>Select all that apply: <ul> <li>Business development.</li> <li>Asset/wealth building.</li> <li>Homeless/transitional housing/services.</li> <li>Senior housing/services</li> <li>Community facilities development/ improvements.</li> <li>Special needs housing/services.</li> <li>Accessibility modifications.</li> <li>Affordable housing.</li> <li>Job creation/retention.</li> <li>Charter school development.</li> <li>Community healthcare centers development.</li> <li>Commercial real estate development.</li> <li>Climate resilience</li> <li>Reduced poverty and/or inequality.</li> <li>Credit building.</li> <li>Financial stability.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
		- Other.
	PM10.1 If " <b>Other</b> ," describe.	Provide description.

Section	Question	or purpose of data field	Response
PM11	Does the	Applicant have a board- or owner-	Yes or No
	approved	strategic plan that provides evidence	
		nunity development strategy?	If No, the Applicant is not eligible for Certification.
	If Yes:		
	PM11.1	Attach board- or owner-approved strategic plan that provides evidence of a community development strategy.	Attach document(s).
	PM11.2	Identify the page number(s) from the attached document(s) where the community development strategy is articulated.	Enter page number(s).
	PM11.3	Strategy is articulated.Provide a brief narrative thatdescribes the Applicant's theory ofchange, i.e., the communitydevelopment outcomes that theApplicant believes will result fromthe provision of its FinancialProducts and Financial Services, andhow those Financial Products andFinancial Services lead to thoseoutcomes.	Provide narrative.
	PRIMARY	MISSION – APPLICANT - Responsible Fi	nancing Practices
Questions F		vill be asked of Applicants that offer loan	-
purchased I			
PM12	Beginning immediat Applicatic standards and/or sm measures to repay t loan, mee financial c expenses, refinance		Select Yes or No or N/A (i.e. does not offer consumer, mortgage, or small business loan products).
	If No, plea	ase explain.	Provide narrative. An Applicant that does not consider a borrower's ability to repay a loan may be determined ineligible for CDFI Certification.
PM13	immediat	g, at a minimum, 12 full months ely prior to submission of the CDFI ion Application, does the Applicant	Yes or No or N/A (i.e. does not offer consumer loan products).

Section	<b>Question</b>	or purpose of data field	Response		
		purchase interests in, offer, market, or	If Yes, the Applicant will be required		
		y consumer loan products (including	to respond to additional financing-		
		Is and purchased loans) that allow for	practices questions about the		
		percentage rate in excess of 36%	consumer loan products that allow		
	when that	rate is calculated using the Military	for an annual percentage rate in		
	Annual Pe	rcentage Rate (MAPR) standard <sup>11</sup> ?	excess of 36% when that rate is		
			calculated using the MAPR standard.		
	If Yes:		Only for Applicants that originate,		
			purchase interests in, offer, market,		
			or service any consumer loan		
			products (including credit cards or		
			purchased loans) that allow for an		
			annual percentage rate in excess of		
			36% when that rate is calculated		
			using the MAPR standard.		
	PM13.1	What is the current highest	For each consumer loan product		
		allowable MAPR charged on any of	with an allowable MAPR above		
		the Applicant's consumer loans	36%, enter loan product name and		
		(including credit cards and	highest allowable MAPR.		
		purchased loans)?			
	Questions PM13.2-PM13.7 - For any consumer loan product with a MAPR in excess of				
		nning, at a minimum, 12 full months imm	nediately prior to submission of the		
	Application		Vee er Ne		
	PM13.2	Did any of the loan products in	Yes or No.		
		question have an annual default	If Vac the Applicant is not aligible		
		rate over five percent? <sup>12</sup>	If Yes, the Applicant is not eligible for CDFI Certification.		
	PM13.3	Do any of the loans in question	Yes or No.		
	PIVI15.5	Do any of the loans in question include a leveraged payment	TES UT NU.		
		mechanism? <sup>13</sup>	If Yes, the Applicant is not eligible		
			for CDFI Certification.		
	PM13.4	If the product in guestion includes	Yes or No or N/A (i.e. does not offer		
	11113.4	loans of \$1,000 or less, have the	loans of \$1000 or less).		
		repayment timeframes been limited	104113 01 91000 01 1033).		
		to no more than 12 months?	If No, the Applicant is not eligible		
			for CDFI Certification.		
	PM13.5	For a period of 12 full months after	Yes or No.		
	11113.5	the issuance of such a loan, does the			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> For additional guidance on calculating the MAPR, see the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's <u>Military</u> <u>Lending Act (MLA), Interagency Examination Procedures—2015 Amendments</u>, Terms of Consumer Credit Extended to Covered Borrowers (Calculation of MAPR) – 32 CFR 232.4, pp. 6-9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Calculate on a per borrower basis for single payment loans.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The CDFI Fund will rely on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's definition of a leveraged payment mechanism: "a loan has a leveraged payment mechanism if the lender or a service provider has the right to initiate a transfer of money, through any means, from a consumer's account to satisfy an obligation on a loan...." See CFPB final rule and interpretations, Payday, Vehicle Title, and Certain High-Cost Installment Loans, <u>12 CFR § 1041.3(c)</u>.

Section	Question	or purpose of data field	Response
		Applicant waive any upfront fees for	If No, the Applicant is not eligible
		any refinance or new loan issued to	for CDFI Certification.
		the same borrower?	
	PM13.6	Are all fees spread evenly over the	Yes or No.
		life of the loan and pro rata	
		refundable in the event of early	If No, the Applicant is not eligible
		repayment (including through a	for CDFI Certification.
		refinance) for each of the	
		Applicant's installment loan	
		products in question?	
	PM13.7	Are all loan payments substantially	Yes or No.
		equal and do they amortize	
		smoothly to a zero balance by the	If No, the Applicant is not eligible
		end of the loan term for each of the	for CDFI Certification.
		Applicant's installment loan	
		products in question?	
PM14	Beginning	, at a minimum, 12 full months	Yes or No or N/A (i.e. does not offer
		ely prior to submission of the CDFI	small business loan products).
		on Application, does the Applicant	
		purchase interests in, offer, market, or	If Yes, the Applicant will be required
		hall business loan products (including	to respond to additional financing-
		ds and purchased loans) that allow for	practices questions about the small
		percentage rate in excess of 36%?	business loan products that allow
			for an annual percentage rate in
			excess of 36%.
	If Yes:		Only for Applicants that originate,
			purchase interests in, offer, market,
			or service any small business loan
			products (including credit cards or
			purchased loans) that allow for an
			annual percentage rate in excess of
			36%.
	PM14.1	What is the current highest	For each small business loan
		allowable APR charged on any of the	product with an allowable APR
		Applicant's small business loans	above 36%, enter loan product
		(including credit cards and	name and highest allowable APR.
		purchased loans)?	
	Questions	PM14.2-PM14.5 - For any small busines	s loan product with an APR in excess
		eginning, at a minimum, 12 full months i	•
	Applicatio		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	PM14.2	Did any of the loan products in	Yes or No.
		question have an annual default	
		rate over five percent? <sup>14</sup>	If Yes, the Applicant is not eligible

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Calculate on a per borrower basis for single payment loans.

Section	Question	or purpose of data field	Response
	PM14.3	Do any of the loans in question	Yes or No.
		include a leveraged payment	
		mechanism? <sup>15</sup>	If Yes, the Applicant is not eligible for CDFI Certification.
	PM14.4	Are all fees spread evenly over the life of the loan and pro rata	Yes or No.
		refundable in the event of early repayment (including through a refinance) for each of the Applicant's installment loan products in question?	If No, the Applicant is not eligible for CDFI Certification.
	PM14.5	Are all installment loan payments substantially equal and do they	Yes or No.
		amortize smoothly to a zero balance by the end of the loan term for each of the Applicant's installment loan products in question?	If No, the Applicant is not eligible for CDFI Certification.
PM15	beginning	licant is a non-depository institution, , at a minimum, 12 full months ely prior to submission of the CDFI	Yes or No or N/A (i.e., Applicant is a depository institution).
	Certification originate, service loa apply to n	on Application, does the Applicant purchase interests in, offer, market, or ans that exceed the interest limits that on-depository institutions in the state borrower resides?	If Yes, the Applicant is not eligible for CDFI Certification.
PM16	immediate Certificati	, at a minimum, 12 full months ely prior to submission of the CDFI on Application, for each of the s mortgage loan products, does the	
	PM16.1	Offer loans that include negative amortization, interest-only payments, or balloon payments?	Yes or No or N/A (i.e. does not offer mortgage loan products). If Yes, the Applicant is not eligible
			for CDFI Certification.
	PM16.2	Underwrite adjustable rate mortgages at less than the maximum rate in the first five years?	Yes or No or N/A (i.e. does not offer mortgage loan products). If Yes, the Applicant is not eligible for CDFI Certification.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> The CDFI Fund will rely on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's definition of a leveraged payment mechanism: "a loan has a leveraged payment mechanism if the lender or a service provider has the right to initiate a transfer of money, through any means, from a consumer's account to satisfy an obligation on a loan...." See CFPB final rule and interpretations, Payday, Vehicle Title, and Certain High-Cost Installment Loans, <u>12 CFR § 1041.3(c)</u>.

maximum term longer than 30 mortgage loa	
maximum term longer than 30 mortgage loa	N/A (i.e. does not offer
	-
years?	
	plicant is not eligible
for CDFI Cert	
	N/A (i.e. does not offer
mortgage loa	
If No. the Ap	plicant is not eligible
for CDFI Cert	_
	N/A (i.e. does not offer
excess of the Qualified Mortgage mortgage loa	
limits <sup>16</sup> ?	
	plicant is not eligible
for CDFI Cert	
PM17 Beginning, at a minimum, 12 full months	
immediately prior to submission of the CDFI	
Certification Application, for each of the	
Applicant's small business loan products, does	
the Applicant disclose in writing:	
	N/A (i.e. does not offer
	ss loan products).
	. ,
If No, the Ap	plicant is not eligible
for CDFI Cert	-
PM17.2 The total amount to be repaid over <b>Yes or No or</b>	N/A (i.e. does not offer
	ss Ioan products).
If No, the Ap	plicant is not eligible
for CDFI Cert	ification.
PM17.3 The total finance charges over the Yes or No or	N/A (i.e. does not offer
	ss loan products).
If No, the Ap	plicant is not eligible
for CDFI Cert	ification.
PM17.4 The annual percentage rate (APR) of <b>Yes or No or</b>	N/A (i.e. does not offer
the loan? small busines	ss Ioan products).
If No, the Ap	plicant is not eligible
for CDFI Cert	ification.

<sup>16</sup> The Qualified Mortgage rule places the following limits on upfront points and fees:

- For a loan of \$100,000 or more: 3% of the total loan amount or less.
- For a loan of \$60,000 to \$100,000: \$3,000 or less.
- For a loan of \$20,000 to \$60,000: 5% of the total loan amount or less.
- For a loan of \$12,500 to \$20,000: \$1,000 or less.
- For a loan of \$12,500 or less: 8% of the total loan amount or less.

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
PM18	Select the tools the Applicant uses to assist	Select all that apply:
	struggling borrowers.	- Fees or interest waivers
		- Interest rate reductions
		- Loan term extensions
		- Principal forgiveness
		- Other
		- None
	PM18.1 If " <b>Other</b> ," please describe.	Provide description.
PM19	Does the Applicant sell its charged off debt to	Yes or No.
	debt buyers?	
		If Yes, the Applicant is not eligible
		for CDFI Certification.
PM20	Does the Applicant report some or all consumer	Yes or No or N/A (i.e. does not offer
	Financial Product transactions to a major credit	consumer loan products).
	bureau?	
PM21	If the Applicant is an FDIC-insured depository	Yes, No, or N/A (i.e., not an FDIC-
	institution or state-chartered commercial or	insured depository institution.
	savings bank, does the Applicant have a current	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	Community Reinvestment Act rating of	If No, the Applicant is not eligible
	Satisfactory or higher?	for CDFI Certification.
Questions P	PM22-PM23 will be asked only of Applicants that offer	
PM22	Has the Applicant had a policy or practice in	Yes or No or N/A (i.e. does not offer
	place for its Equity Investment Financial	equity products).
	Products for, at a minimum, the 12 full months	
	immediately prior to submission of the	If No, the Applicant is not eligible
	Application that prevents the Applicant from	for CDFI Certification.
	gaining Control over an investee except if the	
	Applicant must save a business through	
	ownership as a last resort for a limited period of	
	time?	
PM23	During the 12 full months completed	Select Yes or No or N/A (i.e. does
	immediately prior to submission of the	not offer equity products).
	Application, did the Applicant leverage, for its	
	own benefit, the assets of any of its active	If Yes, the Applicant is not eligible
	investees?	for CDFI Certification.
RESPONSIB	LE FINANCING PRACTICES – FINANCIAL SERVICES	
	PM24-PM26 will be asked of depository institution App	licants only
	Select each of the listed features associated with	Select all that apply:
PM24		
PIVIZ4	a single checking or share account (including	<ul> <li>Free access to debit card</li> </ul>
P1V124	a <i>single</i> checking or share account (including checkless checking) offered by the Applicant.	<ul> <li>Free access to debit card network for point of sale</li> </ul>
P1V124	a <i>single</i> checking or share account (including checkless checking) offered by the Applicant.	network for point of sale
P1V124		

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Respo	nse
		-	Monthly maintenance fee of
			\$5 or less if not waivable, or
			\$10 or less if waivable. <sup>17</sup>
		-	No overdraft or
			nonsufficient funds fees. <sup>18</sup>
		-	No account activation,
			closure, dormancy,
			inactivity, or low balance
			fees.
		-	Free and unrestricted
			branch access <i>or</i> (for
			Applicants without
			branches) access to free
			ATM network and free
			remote deposits.
		-	Free and unrestricted
			telephone banking
			(including live support).
		-	Free and unrestricted in-
			network ATM access.
		-	Out-of-network ATM fee of
			\$2.50 or less; <i>or</i> up to \$3.00
			if free access to a partner
			ATM network is also
			provided.
		-	Free deposit capability for
			cash and checks in-branch
			and at ATM (when
			available), and direct
			deposit. Enge hill new if everile his on
		-	Free bill pay if available, or
			at least four free money
			orders and/or cashier
			checks per month.
		-	Free check cashing for
			checks issued by the
			Applicant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> For monthly maintenance fee to be considered waivable, Applicant must offer at least two options to waive the fee entirely with a single transaction (e.g. direct deposit with no minimum deposit, online bill pay, or debit card purchase).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> An overdraft fee is a fee or charge on a consumer's account held by the institution for paying a transaction (including a check or other item) when the consumer has insufficient or unavailable funds in the account. A nonsufficient funds fee is a fee or charge on a consumer's account held by the institution for a transaction (including a check or other item) returned unpaid when the consumer has insufficient or unavailable funds in the account.

Section	Ouestion	or purpose of data field	Response
Section	Question	or purpose of data field	<ul> <li>Free online banking, mobile banking, and banking alerts (if offered).</li> <li>Free electronic monthly statements; or \$2 or less for mailed paper statements (if offered).</li> <li>Account screening – only deny new customers for past incidences of actual fraud.</li> <li>Alternative IDs (e.g., municipal, consular, etc.) accepted.</li> <li>Free linked savings accounts and account transfers.</li> <li>Money orders priced at the U.S. Postal Service rate or less.</li> <li>Competitively priced remittances (international wire).</li> <li>Credit building product offerings such as secured personal loan available.</li> </ul>
	PM24.1	Identify the checking or share account that includes each of the selected features.	Name account.
PM25	-	the Applicant's depository accounts, ount holder subject to any potential	Select Yes or No. Enter number.
	PM25.2	Specify any <i>daily</i> limits on the number and frequency of such fees that can be charged to an account holder.	Enter number.
	PM25.3	Specify any <i>annual</i> limits on the number and frequency of such fees that can be charged to an account holder.	Enter number.
	PM25.4	Select each of the listed features included in the Applicant's overdraft program.	Select all that apply: - No overdraft fees on debit card purchases.

Section	Ouestion	or purpose of data field	Response
Section	Question	or purpose of data field	<ul> <li>Response</li> <li>No overdraft fees on ATM withdrawals.</li> <li>No extended/sustained overdraft fees.</li> <li>Grace period provided before charging an overdraft fee.</li> <li>Negative balances allowed without triggering an overdraft fee.</li> <li>Balance-related alerts offered.</li> <li>Access to real-time balance information.</li> <li>Consumer's checking account linked to another account for overdraft protection.</li> <li>Overdraft fees collected from a consumer's next deposit only after other items have been posted or cleared.</li> <li>No additional fees charged when an item is represented.</li> </ul>
PM26	is the acco	the Applicant's depository accounts, ount holder subject to any potential ent funds (NSF) fees? Specify the highest dollar amount	Select Yes or No.
	PM26.2	charged for such a fee. Specify any <i>daily</i> limits on the number and frequency of such fees that can be charged to an account holder.	Enter number.
	PM26.3	Specify any <i>annual</i> limits on the number and frequency of such fees that can be charged to an account holder.	Enter number.
	PM26.4	Select each of the listed features included in the Applicant's NSF policies.	<ul> <li>Select all that apply:</li> <li>Balance-related alerts offered.</li> <li>Access to real-time balance information provided.</li> </ul>

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
		<ul> <li>NSF fees collected from a consumer's next deposit only after other items have been posted or cleared.</li> <li>No additional fees charged when an item is represented.</li> </ul>
PRIMARY MIS	SSION – AFFILIATES	
Applicant mu	ate subject to review in connection with any of the output of the output of the output of the following Primary Mission information on and Responsible Financing Practices questions.	
PM27	Describe the activities of the Affiliate and how the Affiliate's mission and activities support and/or are consistent with the community development mission of the Applicant.	Provide description.

# FINANCING ENTITY

To meet the CDFI Certification Financing Entity test, an Applicant must demonstrate the following:

- Its predominant business activity is the provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services<sup>19</sup> and that it has been engaged in such activity for at least one full fiscal year. Unless otherwise indicated, the provision of Financial Products must be arm's-length and on-balance sheet.
- It dedicates a predominance of both its assets and its staff time to the provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services. (Predominance does not require a majority, but occurs when an amount is the greatest as compared to all other amounts.)
- It maintains sufficient capital to continue closing Financial Products for at least three months from the date the CDFI Certification Application is submitted.

#### Entities participating in the CDFI Fund's Bond Guarantee Program (BG Program)

- BG Program participants that are unable to meet CDFI Certification Financing Entity requirements will, for the purpose of participating in the BG Program only, be deemed as meeting the Financing Entity requirements if they are Controlled by a Certified CDFI.
- Entities seeking to obtain or maintain CDFI Certification solely for participation in the CDFI Fund's BG Program and that are Controlled by a Certified CDFI are allowed to meet CDFI Certification requirements using on-balance sheet Financial Product activity that is not arm'slength, provided that the activity is by and between such entities and a Controlling Certified CDFI. Such activity must be pursuant to operating agreements that include management and ownership provisions and that are in a form and substance acceptable to the CDFI Fund (see 12 CFR 1805.201(b)(2)(C)(iii)).

#### Certain Regulated Financial Institutions

The following entities are presumed to meet the CDFI Certification Financing Entity requirements and are exempt from completing this section of the Application, as long as their dates of incorporation, organization, or establishment occurred at least one full fiscal year prior to submission of a CDFI Certification Application:

- Depository Institution Holding Companies (DIHCs)
- Depository institutions with Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance
- State-Insured Credit Unions (includes state-regulated credit unions)

#### **CDFI Certification Provision for Spinoff Entities**

To meet the Financing Entity requirements, in lieu of a history of closing Financial Product transactions over the 12 months of the most recently completed full fiscal year, a Spinoff entity must demonstrate

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Only depository institutions (bank/thrifts, credit unions or bank/thrift holding companies) may use Financial Services to meet the Financing Entity test.

that it closed at least one Financial Product within the 12 months prior to submission of this Application and must meet the following conditions:

- 1. Be a separate legal entity.
- 2. Have received a transferred Financial Product from at least one original entity.
- 3. Demonstrate that it currently offers at least one of the transferred Financial Products.
- 4. Demonstrate that at least one of the transferred Financial Products currently offered was available from the original entity for at least the 12 full months completed immediately prior to submission of this Application.
- 5. Demonstrate that at least one original entity from which it received any Financial Products had an acceptable primary mission in place for at least the six full months immediately prior to submission of this Application.
- 6. Demonstrate that it closed at least one Financial Product of the type transferred at any time during the 12 full months immediately prior to submission of this Application, using its own capital.

For the purposes of the Financing Entity test, the Spinoff should include any transferred Financial Products and Financial Services assets that appear on its balance sheet as part of its own overall Financial Product and Financial Services asset amounts.

#### ELIGIBLE FINANCIAL PRODUCTS/FINANCIAL SERVICES<sup>20</sup>

#### **Financial Products**

Financial Products include loans, Equity Investments and other similar financing activities approved by the CDFI Fund. Other similar financing activities currently pre-approved by the CDFI Fund as Financial Products include:

- The provision of loan guarantees;
- Forgivable loans that require at least one payment within 12 months of the loan closing date;
- The purchase of loans originated by a Certified CDFI;
- The purchase of loans originated by entities that do not have CDFI Certification but were made to members of the Applicant's Target Market(s); and
- Credit cards.

If an entity wants to include any financing other than the pre-approved similar financing activities as Financial Products for the purpose of meeting any CDFI Certification requirements, it must obtain prior approval from the CDFI Fund to do so.

#### **Financial Services**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Financial Products and Financial Services are defined by the CDFI Fund in the CDFI Program Revised Interim Regulations, 12 CFR Part 1805.104

Financial Services can be used to meet the CDFI Certification requirements by depository institutions only.

Financial Services include the provision of checking and savings accounts, check cashing, money orders, money market accounts, certified checks, automated teller machines, safe deposit box services, and other similar services.

If a depository institution wants to include any similar financial service as an eligible Financial Service for the purposes of meeting any of the CDFI Certification requirements, it must obtain prior approval from the CDFI Fund.

# ASSETS DEDICATED TO, DERIVED FROM, OR AVAILABLE FOR THE DIRECT PROVISION OF FINANCIAL PRODUCTS AND/OR FINANCIAL SERVICES

Unless otherwise directed, information on assets dedicated to or derived from the provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services, or available within three months of submission of the Application to finance Financial Product closings, should be based on assets held directly by the Applicant. If consolidated statements that do not show the Applicant's assets separately from other affiliated entities are presented, the Application will be rejected.

Furthermore, Applicants must base all assets dedicated to or derived from the provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services, or available within three months of submission of the Application to finance Financial Product closings, on assets held directly by the Applicant. Such assets must be reflected in the Applicant's current, non-consolidated, fiscal year-to-date balance sheet with an "as of" date no more than 45 days prior to the CDFI Certification Application submission date. Examples of assets dedicated to or derived from the provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services include cash/cash equivalents, loans receivable, Equity Investments, pre-paid expenses, equipment, and buildings/real estate. Assets available within the next three months to finance Financial Product closings include cash/cash equivalents, Financial Product receivables, accounts receivable, etc.

Assets dedicated to or derived from the provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services include:

- The portion of any assets reflected in the Applicant's current fiscal year-to-date balance sheet that are derived from or currently available to be used as capital to finance its Financial Product closings.
- The portion of any assets reflected in the Applicant's current fiscal year-to-date balance sheet used to support staffing costs and other operating needs related to its direct provision of Financial Products.
- For depository institutions that do not automatically qualify as Financing Entities (e.g., banks/thrifts that do not have federal deposit insurance or holding companies that do not meet the CDFI Fund's definition of a DIHC), the portion of any assets held by an Applicant directly, as reflected in its current, non-consolidated, fiscal year-to-date balance sheet, that are derived from or are currently available to support the direct provision of Financial Services.

The CDFI Fund does not consider the following types of activities as assets that support the direct provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services:

- Real estate development
- Property management
- Financing for affiliated individuals or entities (unless the Applicant is using the CDFI Certification provision for participants in the CDFI Fund's Bond Guarantee Program)
- Financing products or services not approved by the CDFI Fund as eligible Financial Products or Financial Services
- Loan originating, servicing, or packaging for financing provided by other entities
- Grant-making
- Development Services
- Other non-financing activities

# STAFF TIME DEDICATED TO THE DIRECT PROVISION OF FINANCIAL PRODUCTS AND/OR FINANCIAL SERVICES

Unless otherwise directed, the staffing information provided in the Financing Entity section of the Application should be based on the Applicant's staffing levels and activity only.

Staffing allocations for the Financing Entity predominance test must be based on the manner an Applicant used its staff time during the 12 full months just prior to the submission of this Application. The Applicant should calculate the average FTE staff time available to it during the last 12 full months and identify how that time was allocated to its different activities. If an Applicant relies on staffing provided by another entity, only the portion of the other entity's FTE staff time that is spent directly on the activities undertaken on behalf of the Applicant should be included.

# PREDOMINANCE AS A FINANCING ENTITY

The Applicant's assets and staffing information must demonstrate that the direct provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services is the Applicant's predominant business activity.

To be predominant, the provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services does not have to be the majority of the Applicant's overall activity, but must be the activity that reflects the greatest use of the Applicant's assets and staff time when compared to any other separate and distinct type of activity in which the Applicant engages. No other single activity type should claim more of an Applicant's assets and staff time.

All assets held by an Applicant and all available staff time, including those that do not support the direct provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services, must be presented in connection with the Financing Entity predominance test. However, Applicants that engage in significant Financial Product and/or Financial Services business activity but who also have major assets that skew their asset or staffing data such that the direct provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services does not appear to be the predominant activity, may request that certain assets and/or staff time be excluded from consideration. When requesting that asset or staff time be excluded from consideration for the Financing Entity predominance test, the Applicant must provide an explanation of why such assets incorrectly appear to indicate that it is not predominantly a Financing Entity, or why the assets are essential for it to conduct its Financial Product and/or Financial Services activity. The CDFI Fund

maintains sole discretion to determine the applicability of such assets and/or staff time in meeting the Financing Entity test.

Types of major assets that may be disregarded as counting towards the predominance test include:

- Large endowments held by entities that have acted as traditional foundations but that have shifted their activities and staff time to provide more Financial Products than grants and are community development focused (as per business strategy).
- Real property held by entities because they own their own building where a percentage of the building supports the provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services.
- Real property held by entities because it was donated and the entities intends to sell it within the next fiscal year and some or all of the revenue raised will be used to support the provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services.
- Real estate to be sold or transferred to non-Affiliated third parties in order to support real estate development financing activity (Financial Products for real estate development must be offered).

The Applicant must obtain prior approval to exclude any major assets and/or staff time for any related financing activity not included above.

# SUFFICIENT CAPITAL TO CONTINUE CLOSING FINANCIAL PRODUCT TRANSACTIONS

The Applicant must possess sufficient capital to sustain its Financial Product activity. Generally, the CDFI Fund deems that an entity has sufficient capital to continue its eligible Financial Product activity if it has enough capital available to close at least one Financial Product transaction within the next three months, with a dollar volume that is typical for the Applicant based on its Financial Product offerings.

The Applicant must provide information on liquid assets as identified in the Applicant's current year-todate balance sheet and off-balance sheet capital sources. Types of capital that should not be included as available to finance Financial Product closings include, but are not limited to, cash needed for operations and cash or other liquid assets that have been earmarked, set aside, or board- or funder-designated for activity other than eligible financing. This may include, but is not limited to, capital designated for financing products or services not approved by the CDFI Fund as eligible Financial Products or Financial Services by the CDFI Fund; grant making; real estate development; property management; and land acquisition.

Section	Question o	or purpose of data field	Response	
FE-1	If the Applicant has indicated that it is seeking to use the CDFI Certification BG Program provision:			
	FE-1.1	Is the Applicant Controlled by a Certified CDFI that has a date of incorporation/organization/ establishment at least 12 full months prior to submission of the	Yes or No.	

# FINANCING ENTITY – APPLICANT ONLY – GENERAL INFORMATION

Section	Question o	r purpose of data field	Response
		Affiliate's CDFI Certification	
		Application?	
	FE-01.2	Will the Applicant use Financial	Yes or No.
		Product activity that is not arm's-	
		length to meet any of the Financing	
		Entity requirements?	
FE-2	Do the App	licant's financial statements and	Yes or No.
	balance she	eets show assets held by the Applicant	
	separately	and independently from all other	If No, the Applicant is not eligible
	entities (i.e	., in a non-consolidated manner)?	for Certification.
FE-3	Attach App	licant's financial statements for its most	Attach document(s).
	recently co	mpleted fiscal year with non-	
	consolidate	ed balance sheet information.	
FE-4	Attach App	licant's current fiscal year-to-date	Attach document(s).
	financial sta	atements with non-consolidated balance	
	sheet infor	mation.	
FE-5	Identify "As	s of" date for the Applicant's current	Enter Month/Date/Year.
	fiscal year-	to-date balance sheet.	
	(Must be n	o more than 45 days prior to the date of	
	submission	of the CDFI Certification Application.)	

# FINANCING ENTITY – APPLICANT ONLY – ASSET PREDOMINANCE – NON-CONSOLIDATED CURRENT FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE DATA

Section	Question o	<sup>r</sup> purpose of data field	Response
FE-A1	Applicant's	Total Assets	Enter Applicant only total assets.
	Provide the	total assets from current fiscal year-	
	to-date bala	ance sheet held by the Applicant only.	
FE-A2	Does the A	oplicant request that any of its assets	Yes or No.
	(as listed in	the Applicant's current fiscal year-to-	
	date, non-c	onsolidated balance sheet) be	
	disregarded	I for the purposes of the Financing	
	Entity pred	ominance test?	
	If Yes:		
	FE-A2.1	Identify the line item in the current	Enter balance sheet line item
		fiscal year-to-date, non-consolidated	name.
		balance sheet for which the	
		Applicant requests that some or all	
		of the related asset be disregarded.	
	FE-A2.2	Indicate how the asset is used that	Select one:
		qualifies it to be disregarded.	- Endowment
			<ul> <li>Portion of owned building</li> </ul>
			used to support the direct

Section	Question or	purpose of da	ata field	Response
Section				<ul> <li>provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services</li> <li>Donated real property to be sold within the next fiscal year to raise funds to support the direct provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services</li> <li>Real estate to be sold/transferred to non- Affiliated third parties in order to support real estate development financing activity (Financial Products for real estate development must be offered)</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>
		FE-A2.2a	If " <b>Other</b> ," identify the other asset use.	Enter use.
		FE-A2.2b	Has this asset use been pre-approved by the CDFI Fund as one for which some or all of the assets used in that manner can be disregarded for the purposes of the CDFI Certification Financing Entity predominance test?	Yes or No. If No, the asset will not be disregarded towards meeting the predominance test.
		FE-A2.2c	Attach approval letter.	Attach relevant disregarded asset approval letter from the CDFI Fund.
	FE-A2.3	portion of t current fisc	e dollar amount for the he line item in the al year-to-date balance disregarded.	Enter dollar amount.
	FE-A2.4	Explain how that the Ap	v the amount of the asset plicant seeks to be I was determined.	Enter explanation.
	requests tha	ant has more t some or all	than one balance sheet li of the relevant assets be	ine item and/or asset use for which it disregarded for the purposes of the a entry for each such item.
FE-A3				cal year-to-date, non-consolidated all of the asset is currently dedicated

Section	Question o	r purpose of d	ata field	Response
	to, derived			of Financial Products and/or Financial
	Services: FE-A3.1	Identify the	e line item.	Enter balance sheet line item
		Indicata ha	w the eccet qualifier as	name.
	FE-A3.2	Indicate how the asset qualifies as being dedicated to, derived from, or related to the direct provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services.		Select one:-Capital dedicated to or derived from the direct provision of Financial Products and/or Financial ServicesPortion of owned building from which revenue is generated that supports the direct provision of Financial Products and/or Financial ServicesPortion of owned equipment used for the direct provision of Financial ServicesPortion of owned equipment used for the direct provision of Financial ServicesLoans receivables dedicated 
		If "Other":	1	1
		FE-A3.2a	Identify the asset for which some or all of the assets qualifies as being dedicated to, derived from, or related to the direct provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services.	Enter activity.
		FE-A3.2b	Has this asset been pre-approved by the CDFI Fund as qualifying as being dedicated to, derived from, or related to the direct provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services?	Yes or No. If No, the asset will not qualify towards meeting the predominance test.

Section	Question or	purpose of data field	Response
		FE-A3.2c Attach approval letter.	Attach document.
	FE-A3.3	Indicate the dollar amount for the	Enter dollar amount.
		portion of the line item that is	
		dedicated to, derived from, or	
		related to the direct provision of	
		Financial Products and/or Financial	
		Services.	
	FE-A3.4	Explain how the amount was	Enter explanation.
		determined.	
	related asse	ant has more than one balance sheet l ts are dedicated to, derived from, or re oducts and/or Financial Services, repea	elated to the direct provision of
FE-A4	Based on ass	sets in the Applicant's current fiscal yea	r-to-date, non-consolidated balance
	sheet, for ea	ch line item for which some or all of the	e asset is currently dedicated to an
	activity othe	r than the direct provision of Financial I	Products and/or Financial Services and
		been listed as disregarded for the purp	oses of the Financing Entity
	predominan		
	FE-A4.1	Identify the line item.	Enter balance sheet line item
			name.
	FE-A4.2	Identify the relevant activity(ies)	Select one:
		associated with the asset.	<ul> <li>Real estate development</li> </ul>
			- Property management
			- Ineligible financing activity:
			<ul> <li>Financing to</li> </ul>
			affiliated individuals
			or entities
			• Financing
			products/services
			not approved by
			the CDFI Fund as
			eligible Financial
			Products or
			Financial Services
			o Loan
			packaging/originati
			on/servicing for
			financing provided
			by another
			entity(ies)
			o Grant-making
			- Development Services
			- Training, Counseling and/or
			technical assistance that
			does not qualify as
			Development Services
			- Other

Section	Question o	r purpose of data field	Response
		FE-A4.2a If " <b>Other</b> ," describe.	Enter description.
	FE-A4.3	Indicate the dollar amount for the	Enter dollar amount.
		portion of the line item that is	
		dedicated to the selected activity.	
	FE-A4.4	Explain how the amount was	Enter explanation.
		determined.	
	If the Appl	icant has more than one balance sheet I	ine item for which some or all of the
	related ass	ets are dedicated to an activity other th	an the direct provision of Financial
	Products a	nd/or Financial Services, repeat data en	try for each such item.
	Summary c	of total assets by activity:	
FE-A5	FE-A5.1	Disregarded Assets.	[Auto calculated].
			(Based on entries in FE-A2)
	FE-A5.2	Assets dedicated to, derived from,	[Auto calculated].
		or related to the direct provision of	
		Financial Products and/or Financial	(Based on entries in FE-A3)
		Services.	
	FE-A5.3	Real estate development.	[Auto calculated].
			(Based on entries in FE-A4)
	FE-A5.4	Property management.	[Auto calculated].
			(Based on entries in FE-A4)
	FE-A5.5	Ineligible Financing to affiliated	[Auto calculated].
		individuals or entities.	
			(Based on entries in FE-A4)
	FE-A5.6	Financing products/services not	[Auto calculated].
		approved by the CDFI Fund as	
		eligible Financial Products or	(Based on entries in FE-A4)
		Financial Services.	
	FE-A5.7	Loan packaging/origination/	[Auto calculated].
		servicing for financing provided by	
		another entity(ies).	(Based on entries in FE-A4)
	FE-A5.8	Grant-making.	[Auto calculated].
			(Based on entries in FE-A4)
	FE-A5.9	Development Services.	[Auto calculated].
			(Based on entries in FE-A4)
	FE-A5.10	Training, counseling and/or	[Auto calculated].
		technical assistance that does not	
		qualify as Development Services.	(Based on entries in FE-A4)
	FE-A5.11	Other	[Auto calculated].
			(Based on entries in FE-A4)
	FE-A5.12	Total.	[Auto calculated].

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
		(Should match entry in FE-A1)
	If the share of all assets held by the Applicant (other than disregarded assets) that are dedicated to an activity other than eligible financing is greater than the share of the Applicant's overall assets dedicated to, derived from, or related to the direct provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services, explain why the Applicant should nevertheless be considered predominantly a Financing Entity.	Provide explanation.

# FINANCING ENTITY – APPLICANT ONLY - STAFFING ALLOCATIONS

Section	Question	or purpose of data field	Response
FE-AS1	(FTE) Staff f	Average Total Full Time Equivalent for the 12 months immediately prior to sion of the CDFI Certification	
FE-AS2	be disregar	oplicant request that any of its FTE staff ded for the purposes of the Financing ominance test?	Yes or No.
	FE-AS2.1	Indicate the use of FTE staff that qualifies it to be disregarded for the purposes of the Financing Entity predominance test.	Select all that apply:-Endowment management-Management of portion of owned building used to support the direct provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services-Management of donated Real Property to be sold to raise funds to support the direct provision of Financial Products and/or Financial-Management of real estate to be sold/transferred to non- Affiliated third parties in order to support real estate development financing activity (Financial Products for real estate development must be offered)-Other

Section	Ouestion	or purpose of	data field	Response
		If "Other:"		
		FE-AS2.1a	Identify the other FTE staff use.	Enter use.
		FE-AS2.1b	Has this FTE staff use been pre-approved by the CDFI Fund as one for which some or all of the FTE staff used in that manner can be disregarded for the purposes of the CDFI Certification Financing Entity predominance test?	Yes or No.
		FE-AS2.1c	Attach approval letter.	Attach relevant disregarded staff time approval letter from the CDFI Fund.
	FE-AS2.2		amount of the average FTE staff to be I.	Enter FTE staff number.
	FE-AS2.3		the amount of FTE staff arded was determined.	Enter explanation.
FE-AS3	For FTE staf Services:		f Financial Products and/or Financial	
	FE-AS3.1	qualifies it a related to the test of	e use of FTE staff that as being dedicated or he provision of Financial nd/or Financial Services.	<ul> <li>Select all that apply:</li> <li>General entity administration that supports the provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services</li> <li>Direct staffing for the provision of Financial Products and/or Financial Services</li> <li>Marketing and outreach for the provision of Financial Services</li> <li>Marketing and outreach for the provision of Financial Services</li> <li>Fundraising/raising capital for the provision of Financial Services</li> <li>Fundraising/raising capital for the provision of Financial Services</li> <li>Other (explain)</li> </ul>
		If "Other:" FE-AS3.1a	Identify the other FTE	Enter use.
			staff use.	
		FE-AS3.1b	Has this FTE staff use been pre-approved by the CDFI Fund as one	Yes or No

Section	Question	or purpose of	data field	Response
Section	Question	or purpose or	for which some or all of	Response
			the staff time used in	
			that manner qualifies	
			as being dedicated or	
			related to the provision	
			of Financial Products	
			and/or Financial	
			Services for the	
			purposes of the CDFI	
			Certification Financing	
			Entity predominance	
			test?	
		FE-AS3.1c	Attach approval letter.	Attach financing-related activity
				approval letter(s) from the CDFI Fund.
	FE-AS3.2	Indicate the	average amount of	Enter Average FTE staff number.
			staff dedicated or	
			he provision of Financial	
			id/or Financial Services.	
	FE-AS3.3		the amount was	Enter explanation.
	1 L-A33.3	determined		
FE-AS4	For ETE staf			Division of Financial Products and/or
FE-A34				
				sregarded for the purposes of the
	Financing El	ntity predomin		Select ener
	FE-A34.1	identity the	relevant activity(ies).	Select one:
				- Real estate development
				- Property management
				- Ineligible financing activity
				<ul> <li>Financing to affiliated</li> </ul>
				individuals or entities
				<ul> <li>Financing</li> </ul>
				products/services not
				approved by the CDFI
				Fund as eligible
				Financial Products or
				Financial Products or Financial Services
				Financial Services o Loan
				Financial Services <ul> <li>Loan</li> <li>packaging/origination/</li> </ul>
				Financial Services O Loan packaging/origination/ servicing for financing
				Financial Services <ul> <li>Loan</li> <li>packaging/origination/</li> <li>servicing for financing</li> <li>provided by another</li> </ul>
				Financial Services Loan packaging/origination/ servicing for financing provided by another entity(ies)
				<ul> <li>Financial Services</li> <li>Loan         <ul> <li>packaging/origination/</li> <li>servicing for financing</li> <li>provided by another</li> <li>entity(ies)</li> <li>Grant-making</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
				Financial Services Loan packaging/origination/ servicing for financing provided by another entity(ies) Grant-making - Development Services
				Financial Services Loan packaging/origination/ servicing for financing provided by another entity(ies) Grant-making Development Services Training, counseling and
				Financial Services Loan packaging/origination/ servicing for financing provided by another entity(ies) Grant-making Development Services Training, counseling and technical assistance that does
				Financial Services Loan packaging/origination/ servicing for financing provided by another entity(ies) Grant-making Development Services Training, counseling and

Section	<b>Ouestion</b>	or purpose of data field	Response
Section	Question		- Other
		FE-AS4.1a If " <b>Other</b> ," describe.	
	FE-AS4.2	Indicate the amount of the	Enter FTE staff number.
		Applicant's average FTE staff	
		dedicated to the selected activity.	
	FE-AS4.3	Explain how the amount was	Enter explanation.
		determined.	
	If the Applic	ant has more than one type of activity f	or which related staff time are dedicated
			ncial Products and/or Financial Services,
	repeat the c	lata entry for each relevant activity type	
FE-AS5	Summary of	total staff time by activity:	
	FE-AS5.1	Disregarded FTE staff.	[Auto calculated].
			(Based on entries in FE-AS2)
	FE-AS5.2	FTE staff dedicated to, derived from,	[Auto calculated].
		or related to the direct provision of	
		Financial Products and/or Financial	(Based on entries in FE-AS3)
		Services.	
	FE-AS5.3	Real estate development.	[Auto calculated].
			(Based on entries in FE-AS4)
	FE-AS5.4	Property management.	[Auto calculated].
			(Based on entries in FE-AS4)
	FE-AS5.5	Ineligible financing to affiliated	[Auto calculated].
		individuals or entities.	
			(Based on entries in FE-AS4)
	FE-AS5.6	Financing products/services not	[Auto calculated].
		approved by the CDFI Fund as	
		eligible Financial Products or	(Based on entries in FE-AS4)
		Financial Services.	
	FE-AS5.7	Loan packaging/origination/	[Auto calculated].
		servicing for financing provided by	
		another entity(ies).	(Based on entries in FE-AS4)
	FE-AS5.8	Grant-making.	[Auto calculated].
			(Based on entries in FE-AS4)
	FE-AS5.9	Development Services.	[Auto calculated].
		Training approaches and trackets t	(Based on entries in FE-AS4)
	FE-AS5.10	Training, counseling and technical	[Auto calculated].
		assistance that does not qualify as	(Pased on ontring in FE ASA)
		Development Services.	(Based on entries in FE-AS4)
	FE-AS5.11	Other.	[Auto calculated].
			(Pased on optrios in EE ASA)
			(Based on entries in FE-AS4)

Section	Question or purpose of data field		Response
	FE-AS5.12	Total.	[Auto calculated].
			(Should match entry in FE-AS1)
	staff (other t been dedica financing act Applicant's a provision of Services, exp	of any of the Applicant's average FTE than disregarded staff time) that has ted to an activity other than eligible tivity is greater than the share of the average FTE staff dedicated to the Financial Products and/or Financial plain why the Applicant should still ed predominantly a Financing Entity.	Provide explanation.

# FINANCING ENTITY – APPLICANT ONLY – CAPITAL TO FINANCE FINANCIAL PRODUCT CLOSING OVER NEXT THREE MONTHS

Section	Question or	purpose of data field	Response	
FE-AC1 FE-AC2	transaction months imm Application.	lar amount of a Financial Product financed by the Applicant over the 12 nediately prior to the submission of the sets in the current fiscal year-to-date ba	Enter dollar amount. lance sheet, for each line item for which	
	some or all of the asset will be available during the next three months to finance the Applicant's Financial Product closings:			
	FE-AC2.1	Identify the line item.	Enter balance sheet line item name(s).	
	FE-AC2.2	Indicate why the asset is considered to be liquid and available to finance the Applicant's Financial Product closings over the next three months.	<ul> <li>Select all that apply: <ul> <li>Cash/cash equivalent asset designated as Financial Product capital</li> <li>Current asset that is or will become a cash/cash equivalent asset within the next three months and that will be designated as Financial Product capital</li> <li>Portion of owned building from which revenue is generated that is designated as Financial Product capital</li> <li>Other</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
		FE-AC2.2a If " <b>Other</b> ," explain.	Provide explanation.	
	FE-AC2.3	Indicate the dollar amount for the portion of the line item that will be available to finance the Applicant's Financial Product closings.	Enter dollar amount.	

Section	Question o	r purpose of data field	Response		
	FE-AC2.4	Explain how the amount was determined.	Provide explanation.		
	If the Appli		ling itom for which come or all of the		
	If the Applicant has more than one balance sheet line item for which some or all of the related assets will be available to finance its Financial Product closings over the next three months, repeat the data entry for each such item.				
FE-AC3			Yes or No.		
FE-ACS		oplicant have any off-balance sheet will be available to it during the next	res or No.		
	•	hs to finance its eligible Financial			
	Product clo	-			
	If Yes:	51182:			
	FE-AC3.1	Indicate the type of off-balance	Select type.		
	FE-ACS.1	sheet capital available.	- Line of credit		
		Sheet Capital available.	- Grant or loan funds formally		
			committed		
			- Capital held by an Affiliate		
			formally committed		
			- Other (explain)		
		FE-AC3.1a If " <b>Other</b> ," explain.	Provide explanation		
	FE-AC3.2	Provide the dollar amount available.	Enter dollar amount.		
	FE-AC3.3	Explain why the off-balance sheet	Narrative.		
		capital is considered to be formally committed.			
	FE-AC3.4	Provide documentation evidencing	Attach document(s).		
		that the off-balance sheet capital is formally available and that includes			
		amount available.			
	If the Applicant has multiple off-balance sheet capital sources available, repeat data entry				
	for each source.				
FE-AC4	Total capita	I available to finance eligible Financial	[Auto-calculated.]		
	Product clo	sings over the next three months.			
			(Based on entries in FE-AC2 and FE-AC3)		
FE-AC5	Is the availa	ble capital greater than the average	[Auto-populated.]		
		unt of a Financial Product transaction			
		the Applicant over the 12 months	Yes or No.		
		y prior to the submission of the			
	Application	?	If No, the Applicant is not eligible for		
			CDFI Certification.		

# TARGET MARKET

To be a Certified CDFI, an entity must demonstrate that it serves at least one eligible Target Market (either an Investment Area or a Targeted Population). In addition, it must direct at least 60% of both the number and dollar volume of arm's-length, on-balance sheet Financial Products to one or more eligible Target Market(s).

### Financial Services Option

A Depository Institution that has directed less than 60% but at least 50% of the *dollar volume* of its Financial Products, *and* at least 60% of the total *number* of its Financial Products to one or more eligible Target Market(s), also has the option of meeting the Target Market test by demonstrating that at least 60% of its total unique depository account holders are members of one or more eligible Target Market(s).

New CDFI Applicants must meet the applicable Target Market percentage benchmarks over its most recently completed fiscal year prior to submission of the Application. To maintain Certification, Certified CDFIs must demonstrate compliance with the Target Market percentage benchmarks based on a three-year average through the last day of their most recently completed fiscal year.<sup>21</sup> To confirm activity to the Target Market, transaction level data will be submitted annually through the TLR.

All Applicants must meet the applicable Target Market percentage benchmarks as stated. If an Applicant falls below the required level for any of the applicable Target Market percentage benchmarks, it will not be eligible for CDFI Certification.

As a means of meeting the Target Market requirements, an entity may serve a combination of eligible Target Markets. However, for the purposes of calculating the overall Target Market percentage of an entity's activity, each Financial Product transaction or Financial Service item may be counted towards only one Target Market component (even if the transaction or account qualifies as having been directed to more than one Target Market component).

#### COLLECTIVE REVIEW FOR DIHCS, AFFILIATES OF DIHCS, OR SUBSIDIARIES OF IDIS

For a DIHC, an Affiliate of a DIHC, or a Subsidiary of an IDI to be certified as a CDFI, it must meet the Target Market requirements both:

- Individually, based on the Applicant's own Financial Product and, if elected, Financial Services activity; and
- **Collectively**, based on the aggregate Financial Product and, if elected, Financial Services activity of the Applicant and any Affiliate in its family of entities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Certified CDFIs with less than three years of CDFI Certification or reported data in the TLR will be evaluated based upon the full history of their reported financing activity, up to three full fiscal years, but not earlier than one full fiscal year prior to the submission of their Application.

#### ALTERNATIVE PROVISIONS BY ENTITY TYPE

The following entities may meet the CDFI Certification Target Market requirements through the provisions described.

#### **Depository Institution Holding Companies (DIHCs)**

DIHCs that do not directly provide Financial Products or Financial Services, may rely on the activity of all relevant Affiliates subject to the statutory CDFI Certification collective review process. If a DIHC Applicant's Affiliates have also applied for CDFI Certification, the DIHC will present only the aggregate Financial Product and, if elected, Financial Services activity of all relevant Affiliates for review.

#### Entities participating in the CDFI Fund's Bond Guarantee Program (BG Program)

Entities applying for Certification solely for participation as Eligible CDFIs in the CDFI Fund's BG Program may meet CDFI Certification Target Market requirements using Financial Product activity that is not arm's-length, provided that the activity is by and between such entities and their Controlling Certified CDFIs. Such activity must be pursuant to operating agreements that include management and ownership provisions and that are in a form and substance acceptable to the CDFI Fund (see 12 CFR 1805.201(b)(2)(C)(iii)).

# <u>Spinoffs</u>

If an entity is eligible for the CDFI Certification provision for Spinoffs (as described in the Financing Entity section of the Application), it must include the following Financial Product and Financial Services activity data for review in connection with the Target Market requirements:

- Any Financial Product transactions it closed during the most recently completed full fiscal year, including any Financial Product transactions received as part of a spun-off Financial Product portfolio that were closed by the original entity during the most recently completed fiscal year and that remain on the Spinoff's balance sheet as of the end of that fiscal year; and
- Any depository accounts held by the Spinoff entity that were still open as of the end of the entity's most recently completed fiscal year.

An entity spun off from a CDFI is not eligible for this provision.

#### **ELIGIBLE TARGET MARKETs**

An entity's Target Market can be comprised of one or more of the following Target Market components.

#### Investment Area

An Investment Area meets at least one of the following economic distress criteria and has significant unmet needs for Financial Products and Services, or are wholly located within an Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community (as designated under section 1391 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C 1391)).

Economic Distress Criteria:

- Poverty rate greater than 20%;
- Median family income (MFI) at 80% or below specific MFI benchmarks; or
- Unemployment rate 1.5 times the national average.

There are two types of Investment Areas (IAs):

#### Pre-qualified Investment Area – Qualified Census Tracts Only

A pre-qualified Investment Area consists only of individual census tracts that the CDFI Fund has determined meet one or more of the statutory economic distress criteria. If an Applicant elects to serve an Investment Area comprised of qualified census tracts only, the Financial Product and/or Financial Services activity that falls within qualified census tracts anywhere within the United States and its territories, as demonstrated by using the CDFI Fund's approved assessment methodologies, is counted as being within the entity's Target Market.

#### **Customized Investment Areas**

Applicants also may establish a customized Investment Area consisting of specially designated geographic areas that:

- Include a contiguous mix of both qualified and non-qualified geographic units of a single type, which may be census tracts, non-Metro counties, or parishes; **and**
- validate as a distressed community per the CDFI Fund's mapping system by meeting the following criteria:
  - More than 85% of the population must be in qualified geographic units.
  - The geographic units must be contiguous.

If an Applicant designates a customized Investment Area as a Target Market component, only the Financial Products and/or Financial services activity that falls within the boundaries of the mix of tracts is counted as being within a Target Market.

Although financing activity can occur and be counted in individually non-qualifying census tracts within a customized Investment Area, the Applicant must direct at least 85% of its customized Investment Area financing activity within the individually qualified census tracts of that customized Investment Area for activity in the non-qualifying tracts to count toward the 60% Target Market benchmark. Likewise, Applicants must direct at least 85% of eligible financing activity that occurs within non-Metro counties or parishes that qualify as an Investment Area wholly within the individually qualified census tracts of a non-Metro county. The Applicant must use the CDFI Fund's approved assessment methodologies to demonstrate that it is serving the customized Investment Areas.

#### **Targeted Population**

A Targeted Population is defined as individuals, or an identifiable group of individuals who are Low-Income or lack adequate access to Financial Products or Financial Services. The Targeted Population is specific to the individual borrowers whose socio-economic characteristics are used to determine inclusion in the Target Market. The Applicant must use the CDFI Fund's approved assessment methodologies to demonstrate that it serves the Targeted Population. Targeted Populations include:

# Low-Income Targeted Population (LITP)

Individuals qualify as members of the Low-Income Targeted Population (LITP) if their family income is:

- For Metropolitan Areas:
  - o 80% of the area median family income (adjusted for family size); or
- For non-Metropolitan Areas, the greater of:
  - 80% of the area median family income (adjusted for family size); or
  - 80% of the statewide non-Metropolitan Area median family income (adjusted for family size).

#### Other Targeted Populations (OTP)

Other Targeted Populations currently recognized by the CDFI Fund are:

- Other Targeted Population African American
- Other Targeted Population Hispanic
- Other Targeted Population Native American (with maintained tribal affiliation or community connection)
- Other Targeted Population Native Alaskan residing in Alaska (with maintained tribal affiliation or community connection)
- Other Targeted Population Native Hawaiian residing in Hawaii
- Other Targeted Population Other Pacific Islander residing in Other Pacific Islands
- Other Targeted Population Persons with Disabilities
- Other Targeted Population Certified CDFIs

Targeted Populations that are not already recognized by the CDFI Fund must be approved by the CDFI Fund before they can be included as part of an entity's Target Market for CDFI Certification purposes. To request such approval, Applicants must submit a Service Request in AMIS for the CDFI Fund's consideration in advance of an Application submission that includes the following information:

- A name and description of the Other Targeted Population;
- A narrative that demonstrates that the specific Other Targeted Population(s) has significant unmet capital or financial services needs; and
- Specific studies or surveys (published by credible independent third party sources within five years prior to the submission of the Certification Application) for the immediate (not national) geographic population service area.

#### MAPPING REQUIREMENTS

Target Market maps are required for Customized Investment Area Target Market Components and certain Other Targeted Populations.

The CDFI Information Mapping System (CIMS) provides mapping and geocoding capabilities to support the Application process and to assess the eligibility of investments, lending, and Financial and Development Services activities in specific geographic areas. Applicants are able to upload and process accurate batch geo-coding of addresses, whether these be prospective locations for individual projects or actual transactions funded, and to confirm addresses of relevant board members.

Maps must be created for **each** proposed Customized Investment Area Target Market and for any newly requested Other Targeted Populations not already on the CDFI Fund's list of currently recognized Other Targeted Populations. Applicants creating maps for a new Application or modifying an existing Customized Investment Area Target Market must utilize the most recent set of eligible census tracts deployed for use by the CDFI Fund. Refer to the CIMS user <u>guidance</u> for further information on creating Target Market maps.

# **COMPILING TARGET MARKET DATA**

Data on Financial Product activity presented for review in connection with the Target Market requirements must be submitted in the TLR based on the date the Financial Product transactions were closed or, in the case of active, outstanding Loan Purchases, on the date the bundle of loans were purchased.

Even if related funds were not disbursed on that date or were not eventually fully disbursed, the transaction amounts must be the total amount of financing approved.

The CDFI Fund counts credit card products and lines of credit as Financial Products. Credit card and lines of credit product activity should be presented for review in connection with the Target Market requirements as follows:

- Each new account opened and issued will count as one Financial Product transaction.
- The date an account was opened and issued will be considered the date the Financial Product transaction was closed; not each time the credit is used, nor each year the credit is used.
- The credit limit approved when the account was first opened will constitute the transaction amount, not individual charges or draws or the outstanding balance.

The CDFI Fund counts loan purchases from CDFIs and Target Market loans purchased from non-CDFIs as Financial Products. Loan Purchases should be presented for review in connection with the Target Market requirements as follows:

- Loan Purchases *from CDFIs*, whether purchased individually or in bundle, are recognized as Financial Products directed to an "OTP – Certified CDFIs" Target Market. Each bundled Loan Purchase from a CDFI will count as a single Financial Product transaction.
- Target Market loans purchased *from non-CDFIs* are recognized as Financial Products directed to the Target Market(s) of the original borrowers. Applicants that purchase Target Market loans from non-CDFIs in bundle may count each of the purchased loans as a single Financial Product transaction.

Note: Upon Certification, certain organizational information about the Applicant and its activities may be posted on the CDFI Fund's public website for the purpose of creating a public list and description of Certified CDFIs.

# Target Market Assessment Methodologies

A Target Market assessment methodology or combination of such methodologies must be used to verify whether or not Financial Products, depository accounts, board members, and/or credit union members meet the Target Market criteria.

Only those methodologies approved by the CDFI Fund may be used when compiling Target Market data. A list of pre-approved Target Market assessment methodologies can be found on the CDFI Fund website.

Applicants may request separate approval of a methodology not previously approved by the CDFI Fund. Applicants that seek to use a Target Market assessment methodology other than one that appears on the list of pre-approved methodologies, including the use of programmatic proxy assessments, must submit a Service Request in AMIS for the CDFI Fund to consider in advance of an Application submission. For each proposed methodology, the Applicant should include the following information in its AMIS Service Request:

- The applicable Target Market (IA/LITP/OTP)
- Data Collected (e.g. data fields, time period, reporting level)
- Model/Method design (e.g. mathematical equations, relationship between data fields, etc.)
- Documents reviewed (e.g. contracts, agreements, white paper, etc.)
- The step by step process used to collect the data and review any documents or run the model and process its results
- If proposing a programmatic proxy, the step by step process used to compare programmatic data to CDFI Fund definitions (e.g. income sources, income thresholds, etc.)
- Any record keeping process
- The process for updating any methodology dependent on underlying data changes

All Target Market assessment methodologies – whether from the list of pre-approved methodologies or approved separately – must be used exactly as approved, unless and until modification of the process is authorized by the CDFI Fund.

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
TM01	Identify a proposed Target Market.	<ul> <li>Select at least one: <ul> <li>Investment Area – Prequalified.</li> <li>Investment Area – Customized.</li> <li>Low-Income Targeted Population.</li> <li>Other Targeted Population – African American.</li> <li>Other Targeted Population – Hispanic.</li> <li>Other Targeted Population – Native American.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
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Section		<ul> <li>Other Targeted Population         <ul> <li>Native Alaskan residing in Alaska.</li> <li>Other Targeted Population                 <ul></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
ТМ02	If the proposed Target Market is a Customized Investment Area: Identify the map that represents the Customized Investment Area, including both qualified and no qualified census tracts.	Enter map name.
TM03	If the proposed Target Market is an Investment Area:	
	TM03.1       What type(s) of Financial Product(s) and/or Financial Service(s) is needed within the Investment Area, but is not currently available at a level sufficient meet the need?	t to - Microenterprise loans - Equity Investments - Mortgage loans - Down payment and closing cost assistance loans with deferred repayment - Community facility loans - Affordable housing development loans - Access to affordable Financial Services (depository institutions only) - Other
	TM03.1aIf Other, explain.TM03.2Indicate the basis for the Applicant's determination both that there exists a need for the Financial Products and/o	

Section	Question o	r purpose of data field	Response
		Financial Services identified within the Investment Area and that they are not currently available at sufficient levels to meet the existing need.	
ТМ04	Population' Targeted Po CDFI Fund?	cant selected "New Targeted ' in question TM01, has the new opulation been pre-approved by the	Yes or No. If No, the Applicant cannot propose a new Targeted Population.
		Enter the name of the new Targeted Population exactly as it appears in the approval letter from the CDFI Fund. Attach a letter from the CDFI Fund	Enter name. Attach letter.
		approving the new Targeted Population.	
TM05		cant proposing multiple Target Markets?	Yes or No. If yes, the Applicant will need to repeat the Target Market data entry for each proposed Target Market component.
TM06	<ul> <li>Financial</li> <li>Applicant a</li> <li>Target Mariand will cor</li> <li>or not Finandepository</li> </ul>	ket assessment methodology attestation Product(s) and/or Financial Service(s): ttests that only a CDFI Fund-approved ket assessment methodology(ies) was ntinue to be used to determine whether ncial Product transactions and/or accounts have been directed to an get Market.	Yes or No.
TM07	eligible Target Market. Identify the Target Market assessment methodology(ies) used by the Applicant.		<ul> <li>Select all that apply.</li> <li>OTP-AA.1: Self Report.</li> <li>OTP-AA.2: Visual &amp; ID.</li> <li>OTP-Hisp.1: Self Report.</li> <li>OTP-Hisp.2: Visual &amp; ID.</li> <li>OTP-Hisp.3: Surname.</li> <li>OTP-Native American.1: Tribal Document.</li> <li>OTP-Native Alaskan.1: Tribal Document.</li> <li>OTP-Native Hawaiian.1: Registry Card.</li> <li>OTP-Pacific Islander.1: Self Report.</li> <li>OTP-Pacific Islander.2: Visual &amp; ID.</li> </ul>

Section	Question	or nurnose	of data field	Response
	Question			<ul> <li>OTP-PWD.1: Self Report.</li> <li>OTP-PWD.2: Visual &amp; ID.</li> <li>OTP-PWD.3: Technology/ Accessibility.</li> <li>OTP-Certified CDFI.1: Certified CDFI.</li> <li>LITP.1: Full Family Income Data.</li> <li>LITP.2: Programmatic Proxy.</li> <li>IA.1: Residence.</li> <li>IA.2: Project/Service.</li> <li>Separately approved assessment methodology.</li> </ul>
	TM07.1		rogrammatic proxy), identify mmatic proxy.	<ul> <li>Select all that apply.</li> <li>HOME.</li> <li>SSDI and/or SSI.</li> <li>Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8.</li> <li>CDBG Program.</li> <li>WIC.</li> <li>SNAP/Food Stamps.</li> <li>NSLP.</li> <li>Separately approved programmatic proxy.</li> </ul>
		If "Separat proxy:" TM07.1a	ely approved programmatic Identify the LITP	Provide narrative.
			programmatic proxy(ies) the Applicant used and separately approved by the CDFI Fund.	
		TM07.1b	Attach approval letter(s) from the CDFI Fund for any Financial Product activity- related LITP programmatic proxy used by the Applicant.	Attachment(s).
	TM07.2		ely approved assessment	
		methodolo TM07.2a		Provide narrative.
		TM07.2b	Attach approval letter(s) from the CDFI Fund for the	Attachment(s).

Section	Question or purpose of data field		of data field	Response
			assessment	
			methodology(ies).	

# TARGET MARKET – GENERAL FINANCIAL PRODUCTS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Section	Question or	<sup>•</sup> purpose of data field	Response
TM-G01		oduct transaction types closed by the uring its most recently completed fiscal	[The Financial Product types will auto-populate based on information provided in "Basic Information – Table 1: Financial Product Information."]
TM-G02	<ul> <li>Does the Financial Product activity data include any Other similar financing that does not appear on the approved list of Financial Products?</li> <li>If Yes:</li> <li>TM-G02.1 Enter the product name of the Other similar financing.</li> <li>TM-G02.2 Attach a letter from the CDFI Fund approving the Other similar financing.</li> </ul>		Yes or No.
			Enter names(s).
			Attach documentation.
		be asked only of depository institution Applica eet the Target Market test	nts that have selected to use
TM-G03	Identify all o which the A open as of t	of the Financial Services account types for pplicant's depository account holders had he last day of last full month completed just mission of the CDFI Certification	Select all that apply:-Savings/Share Accounts-Checking Accounts-Certificates of Deposit-Money Market Accounts-Specialized SavingsAccountsSpecialized CheckingAccounts-

# TARGET MARKET ACTIVITY – APPLICANT AND RELEVANT AFFILIATE(S) – FINANCIAL PRODUCT AND FINANCIAL SERVICES ACTIVITY BY FINANCIAL PRODUCT/FINANCIAL SERVICES CATEGORY AND TARGET MARKET COMPONENT (MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED FISCAL YEAR)

Applicant and relevant Affiliate(s) data, presented by Financial Product category, will be collected in the TLR. The data must include all Financial Product transactions, by number and dollar, that were closed during the Applicant's most recently completed fiscal year. Transactions provided to the proposed Target Market components must be identified in the TLR in order to count towards the 60% requirement. In order to be approved for each Target Market component identified in the TLR, the Applicant will need to demonstrate the appropriate level of accountable board members using appropriate sources of accountability.

Target Market Table 1: Financia	Target Market Table 1: Financial Products Test			
Proposed Target Market	Percent of Target Market	Percent of Target Market		
Components	Financial Products – Number	Financial Products – Dollar		
		Volume		
[Auto display each TM	[Auto calculated]	[Auto calculated]		
component]				
Total Target Market	[Auto calculated]	[Auto calculated]		
Target Market threshold met?	[Auto display – Yes or No]	[Auto display – Yes or No]		

(Simulated Table – actual display in AMIS may differ)

Depository Institutions selecting the option to use Financial Services to meet the Target Market test because their Target Market Financial Product dollar volume is between 50% - 59%, must also enter the data for all relevant, unique depository account holders as of the fiscal year end in the TLR.

(Simulated Table – actual display in AMIS may differ)

Target Market Table 2: Financial Services Test				
Proposed Target	Percent of Target	Percent of Target	Percent Target Market	
Market Components	Market Financial	Market Financial	unique depository	
	Products – Number	Products – Dollar	account holders	
		Volume		
[Auto display each TM	[Auto calculated]	[Auto calculated]	[Auto calculated]	
component]				
Total Target Market	[Auto calculated]	[Auto calculated]	[Auto calculated]	
Target Market	[Auto display – Yes or	[Auto display – Yes	[Auto display – Yes or	
threshold met?	No]	or No]	No]	

# DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

To be a Certified CDFI, the Applicant shall provide Development Services in conjunction with its Financial Products either directly, through an Affiliate, or through a contract with another provider.

A Development Service is a formal, structured, stand-alone training, counseling, or technical assistance service that promotes access to and/or success with an entity's Financial Products, and that the entity offers separately and distinctly from its other products/services.

CDFI Certification Applicants must:

- Offer at least one Development Service;
- Demonstrate that they maintain control over the content and delivery parameters of their Development Service(s);
- Clearly link the Development Service(s) provided by the Applicant, a relevant Affiliate or third party entity under an agreement, to at least one of the Applicant's Financial Products;
- Make at least one Development Service available on an ongoing basis at least four times per year;

Development Services should address subject matter that prepares consumers to access and be successful in using an entity's Financial Products (e.g., first-time homebuyer counseling for prospective mortgage borrowers).

Publically-available online training can be considered a Development Service only if the Applicant can demonstrate that it has a relationship with the developer of the training, either because the Applicant is the developer, an Affiliate is the developer, or the Applicant has a service agreement in place with the developer.

The CDFI Fund does not consider the following activities to be Development Services:

- Training, counseling, or technical assistance not clearly intended to prepare consumers to access and/or be successful with a Financial Product offered by the Applicant. Examples of such services include workforce development, parenting training/support groups, and training/counseling intended solely to enable consumers to access financing provided by other entities.
- The process of making referrals, whether it be to training, counseling, or technical assistance available to services provided at the discretion of other entities.
- Information presented in newsletters, flyers, or online.
- Workshops for children or conferences/workshops for broad audiences.
- Presentations made at one-off events (e.g. annual conferences, fairs), or at events held by other entities.

- Marketing events/activities.
- Services provided at the will and discretion of other entities (e.g., publically-available online training).
- Unstructured conversations with consumers on Development Services subject matter.

#### Applicants participating in the CDFI Fund's BG Program

Entities applying for Certification solely for participation as Eligible CDFIs in the CDFI Fund's CDFI BG Program may be exempt from the following Development Services requirements that require training/counseling to be:

- Offered at arm's-length; and/or
- Provided in connection with financing products or services that the Applicant offers on-balance sheet, but not at arm's length.

To qualify for this exemption, the training/counseling and/or the related non-arm's-length financing products or services must be provided by and between such entities and their Controlling Certified CDFI. Such activities must be pursuant to operating agreements that include management and ownership provisions and that are in a form and substance acceptable to the CDFI Fund (see 12 CFR 1805.201(b)(2)(C)(ii-iii)) and the relevant training/counseling must meet all other Development Services requirements.

Section	Question o	r purpose of data field	Response
DS01	Certification provision for BG Program participation, solely to participate in the CDFI Fund's BG Program, to meet the CDFI Certification Development Services requirements?		Yes or No.
		If Yes:	
	DS01.1	If the Applicant seeks to meet the CDFI Certification Development Services requirements using training/counseling it offers, but not at arm's length:	Enter page number(s) and/or section(s) and provide relevant text.
		Identify the page number(s) and/or section(s) of the operating agreement between the Applicant and a Controlling Certified CDFI that indicates that the training/counseling activity is by and between the Applicant and the	

Section	Question o	r purpose of data field	Response
		Controlling Certified CDFI, and	
		provide the relevant text.	
	DS01.2	If the Applicant seeks to meet the CDFI Certification Development Services requirements using training/counseling it provides in connection with a financing product(s) or service(s) it offers on- balance sheet, but not at arm's length:	Enter page number(s) and/or section(s) and provide relevant text.
		Identify the page number(s) and/or section(s) of the operating agreement between the Applicant and a Controlling Certified CDFI, indicating such financing product(s) or service(s) for which training/counseling is being provided, is offered by and between the Applicant and its Controlling Certified CDFI, and provide the relevant text.	
DS02	currently of through an Affiliated th with at leas	e topic of a Development Service ffered by the Applicant (directly or other provider/resource) to un- nird parties that promotes success it one of the Applicant's Financial Financial Services?	<ul> <li>Select topic:</li> <li>Financial Education/Financial Literacy.</li> <li>Credit Building.</li> <li>Financial Management.</li> <li>Small Business Development.</li> <li>Homeownership Counseling/Foreclosure Prevention.</li> <li>Nonprofit Capacity Building.</li> <li>Affordable Housing/Commercial Real Estate Development.</li> <li>Basic Banking Skills.</li> <li>Introduction to retirement saving.</li> <li>Financial Management/Budgeting.</li> </ul>
	DS02.1	If " <b>Other</b> ," describe the topic and explain how it is relevant as a Development Service.	<ul> <li>Banking for businesses.</li> <li>Other.</li> </ul> Provide narrative.

Section	Question o	r purpose of data field	Response
DS03		elopment Service being offered by the n connection with one of its Financial	Yes or No.
	DS03.1	If yes, identify at least one Financial Product purpose that is offered by the Applicant that is directly related to the Development Service topic.	Select all that apply:         -       Home Purchase.         -       Home Improvement.         -       Real Estate–Construction/ Permanent/Acquisition without Rehabilitation– Commercial.         -       Real Estate–Construction– Housing–Multi Family.         -       Real Estate–Construction– Housing–Single Family.         -       Real Estate–Construction– Housing–Multi Family.         -       Real Estate–Rehabilitation– Commercial.         -       Real Estate–Rehabilitation– Housing–Multi Family.         -       Real Estate–Rehabilitation– Housing–Single Family.         -       Real Estate–Rehabilitation– Housing–Single Family.         -       Real Estate–Rehabilitation– Housing–Single Family.         -       Non-Real Estate Business.         -       Non-Real Estate Business.         -       Non-Real Estate         Microenterprise.       Climate-Centered Finance.         -       Other.
		DS03.1a If " <b>Other</b> ," describe.	Provide narrative.
DS04		e entity that provides one or more ent Services.	<ul> <li>Select all that apply:</li> <li>Applicant.</li> <li>Affiliate(s).</li> <li>Non-Affiliate(s) (e.g., contractor).</li> </ul>
	DS04.1	If "Non-Affiliate," provide agreement.	Attach Agreement(s).

# ACCOUNTABILITY

To be a CDFI, an entity must maintain accountability to residents of its Investment Area or Targeted Population, through representation by individuals on its governing board and/or Advisory Board(s). Individual accountability to a Target Market may be demonstrated through any of the following means:

Investment Area (IA)	Low-Income Targeted Populations (LITP)	Other Targeted Population (OTP)
Residence in a qualified census tract	Status as a Low-Income individual	Status as a member of the Targeted Population
Status as an owner of a small business located in a qualified census tract(s) or owner of a small business that principally employs and/or principally provides goods or services to residents of the IA	Status as an executive staff member of a third party, mission-driven organization that primarily provides services to Low-Income people	Status as an executive staff member of a Certified CDFI (OTP-CDFI only)
Status as an elected official primarily representing residents of qualified census tracts		Status as an executive staff member of a third party, mission-driven organization that primarily provides services to the Other Targeted Population (OTP – Persons with Disability only)
Status as an executive staff <sup>22</sup> member of a third party, mission-driven organization that primarily provides services to residents of a qualified census tract(s)		Status as a family member of a person with disability (OTP – Persons with Disability only)

The CDFI Fund requires that a governing board consist of no less than three (3) members and that an Advisory Board consist of no less than five (5) members.

In determining whether an Applicant maintains accountability to its proposed Target Market(s), Applicants must demonstrate accountability to a proposed Target Market(s) through at least one of the following options:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Executive Staff means all directors and executive officers (e.g. President, Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer) of a company vested with the powers to manage and supervise the day-to-day affairs of an organization.

## **Option 1: Governing Board Only**

- At least one governing board member is accountable to each proposed Target Market, and
- At least 33% of the governing board is accountable to the overall proposed Target Market(s);

## **Option 2: Governing Board Supplemented by Advisory Board**

- At least 20% of the governing board members are accountable to at least one proposed Target Market;
- At least one Advisory Board member is accountable to each proposed Target Market;
- At least 60% of the Advisory Board is accountable to the overall proposed Target Market(s);
- At least one governing board member has a seat on the Advisory Board; and
- The Applicant has adopted an organizational accountability policy.

# Option 3: Credit Union Membership Supplemented by Advisory Board (*Credit Union Applicant Only*)

- At least 33% of a credit union's members are determined to be members of an individual Target Market, using a CDFI Fund-approved Target Market assessment methodology;
- At least one Advisory Board member is accountable to each proposed Target Market;
- At least 60% of the Advisory Board is accountable to the overall proposed Target Market(s);
- At least one governing board member has a seat on the Advisory Board; and
- The Applicant has adopted an organizational accountability policy.

# Option 4: Advisory Board Only (*DIHC and IDI Applicants, and Applicants without a formal governing board only*):

- At least one Advisory Board member is accountable to each proposed Target Market;
- At least 80% of the Advisory Board is accountable to the overall proposed Target Market(s);
- At least one governing board member or partner/owner of the Applicant entity has a seat on the Advisory Board; *and*
- The Applicant has adopted an organizational accountability policy.

# Assessing an Advisory Board

In addition to the review of each board member, the CDFI Fund also will assess an Advisory Board to verify:

- It is governed by an organizational accountability policy.
- It meets a minimum of three (3) times a year.
- How the board members were selected.
- It uses its connection with the Target Market to obtain input that informs the recommendations to the governing board.
- The activities/policies on which it provides input to the governing leadership.

## Assessing an Organizational Accountability Policy

At minimum, an organizational accountability policy must include a description of the following:

- The role of the Advisory Board, including methods by which the Advisory Board has the opportunity to provide advice to the governing board and other decision-makers (e.g. regular meetings, written feedback on strategic decisions, etc.)
- How the Applicant informs itself about the Target Market(s) (e.g. gathers data, engages in outreach to community members, etc.)

# FINANCIAL INTEREST POLICY

The CDFI Fund's financial interest policy for CDFI Certification Accountability is intended to prevent board members with certain types of financial interest in an organization (either directly or via a family member) from being considered accountable to any Target Market component, as the financial interest may conflict with a board member's ability to effectively represent the interests of the Target Market. Governing Board and Advisory Board members who are principals (i.e., individuals owning or controlling at least 25% of an entity) or staff members of the Applicant organization or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, or whose family members are principals or staff members, cannot be used to demonstrate Target Market Accountability. A financial conflict of interest also includes board members who have active loan products from the Applicant or that receive financial compensation for their board service above and beyond any reasonable cost reimbursement for travel or expenses incurred.

For purposes of the financial conflict policy, relevant family members include spouses; children (including step-, in-law, and adopted children); or other family members of the board member's household (e.g., siblings (including step-, half, and in-law siblings; parents (including step- and in law parents); and grandparents related by blood or adoption).

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
AC01	Source of Accountability – Applicant	<ul> <li>Select one: <ul> <li>Governing board only.</li> <li>Governing board and Advisory Board.</li> <li>Credit union membership and Advisory Board (credit union only).</li> <li>Advisory Board only (DIHCs, IDIs, and those with no formal governing board only).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
AC02	Source of Accountability – Affiliate(s)	Select one: - Governing board. - Governing board and Advisory Board.

# ACCOUNTABILITY – GENERAL INFORMATION

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
		<ul> <li>Credit union membership and Advisory Board (credit unions only).</li> <li>Advisory Board only (DIHCs, IDIs, and those with no formal governing board only).</li> </ul>

# ACCOUNTABILITY – GOVERNING AND/OR ADVISORY BOARD (IF APPLICABLE)

Section	Question of	or Purpose of data field	Response
AC03	governing Applicant's that board		Enter board name.
	credit unic to maintai	icant or any relevant Affiliate will use on membership and an Advisory Board n Accountability to the Applicant's Target Market(s):	
	AC03.1	Total number of credit union members active with the Applicant as of the last day of the last month of the 12 full months completed immediately prior to submission of the Application.	Enter number.
	AC03.2	Identify Target Market that will be used to demonstrate accountability through credit union membership.	<ul> <li>Select one:</li> <li>Investment Area – Prequalified.</li> <li>Investment Area – Customized.</li> <li>Low-Income Targeted Population.</li> <li>Other Targeted Population – African American.</li> <li>Other Targeted Population – Hispanic.</li> <li>Other Targeted Population – Native American.</li> <li>Other Targeted Population – Native American.</li> <li>Other Targeted Population – Native American.</li> <li>Other Targeted Population – Native Alaskan residing in Alaska.</li> <li>Other Targeted Population – Native Hawaiian residing in Hawaii.</li> <li>Other Targeted Population – Other Targeted Population – Other Targeted Population</li> </ul>

Section	Question	or Purpose	of data field	Response
				<ul> <li>residing in Other Pacific Islands.</li> <li>Other Targeted Population – Persons with Disabilities.</li> <li>Other Targeted Population – Certified CDFIs.</li> <li>New Targeted Population (Pre-approved by the CDFI Fund).</li> </ul>
		AC03.2a	If "New Targeted Population," enter the name of the Targeted Population exactly as it appears in the approval letter from the CDFI Fund.	Enter name.
	AC03.3	union me	he total number of credit mbers who are members of t Market?	Enter the total number of credit union member who are members of the Target Market.
	AC03.4			[May auto-calculate] Enter percentage of credit union members who are members of the Target Market.
	AC03.5	Fund-app assessme been and determine	attests that only a CDFI roved Target Market nt methodology(ies) has will continue to be used to e whether credit union are of an eligible Target	Yes or No.
AC04	Advisory E Applicant'	licant or any Board to ma	relevant Affiliate will use an intain Accountability to the Target Market(s), identify	Enter board name.
	AC04.1	Does the organization	Applicant have an onal accountability policy een board approved?	Yes or No. If No, the Applicant is unable to use an Advisory Board.
		If Yes: AC04.1a	Does the policy describe the role of the Advisory Board?	Yes or No.
		AC04.1b	Does the policy detail how the Advisory Board informs itself about the Target Market?	Yes or No.

Section	Question	or Purpose	of data field	Response
	AC04.2	AC04.1c AC04.1d	Does the policy describe the Advisory Board method for providing advice to the governing board? Attach the board approved organizational accountability policy. board meet at least three (3)	Yes or No. Attach. Yes or No.
		The CDFI	Fund requires the Advisory meet at least three (3) times	If no, the Applicant is not eligible for Certification.
	AC04.3	Basis upon which members of the Advisory Board are selected.		<ul> <li>Select one or more: <ul> <li>For ability to solicit</li> <li>feedback from the Target</li> <li>Market.</li> <li>For knowledge of the</li> <li>needs and condition of the</li> <li>Target Market.</li> </ul> </li> <li>For knowledge of Financial Products and/or Financial Services.</li> <li>For knowledge of strategic planning and/or policies and procedures for financial institutions.</li> <li>Other.</li> </ul>
		AC04.3a	If "Other," describe the other basis upon which Advisory Board members are selected.	Provide description.
	AC04.4			<ul> <li>Selection one or more: <ul> <li>Direct involvement with the Target Market.</li> <li>Focus groups.</li> <li>Participation in community meetings.</li> <li>Survey.</li> <li>Review of research reports.</li> <li>Other.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
		AC04.4a	If " <b>Other</b> ," describe the other ways in which Advisory Board members	Provide description.

Section	Question	or Purpose	of data field	Response
			obtain their input from the	
			proposed Target Market.	
	AC04.5	On what a	activities/policies does the	Select one or more:
		Advisory I	Board provide input to the	- Loan Product/Financial
		governing	leadership?	Services development.
				- Organizational Policy
				development.
				- Strategic planning.
				- Marketing strategies.
				- Development Services.
				- Other.
		AC04.5a	If "Other," describe the	Provide description.
			other activities/policies for	
			which the Advisory Board	
			provides input to the	
			governing leadership.	
Applicants	will enter a	ll relevant b		ns AC05-AC13 for each board and
••	oard membe			
AC05	Total num	ber of boar	d members.	Enter number.
AC06	Board me	mber name.		Enter name.
AC07	If the App	licant is usin	g an Advisory Board to meet	Yes or No.
	the Accou	ntability tes	t, does the member of the	
	Advisory E	Board also se	erve on the Applicant's	
	governing	board or is	the member also a	
	partner/o	wner?		
AC08	Is this board member or any member of their			Yes or No.
	family an	employee o	f the Applicant or any of its	
	Affiliates?			If Yes, no further information on
				this board member is required as
				this board member is ineligible to
				be presented as accountable.
				If No. continue to the next
				If No, continue to the next
AC09	Does the l	hoard memb	per or any member of their	question.
AC09			per or any member of their	
AC09	family, inc	dividually or	in combination, own or	question. Yes or No.
AC09	family, inc control 25	dividually or 5% or more o	•	question. Yes or No. If Yes, no further information on
AC09	family, inc	dividually or 5% or more o	in combination, own or	question. Yes or No. If Yes, no further information on this board member is required as
AC09	family, inc control 25	dividually or 5% or more o	in combination, own or	question. Yes or No. If Yes, no further information on this board member is required as this board member is ineligible to
AC09	family, inc control 25	dividually or 5% or more o	in combination, own or	question. Yes or No. If Yes, no further information on this board member is required as
	family, inc control 25 Affiliates?	dividually or 5% or more o	in combination, own or of the Applicant or any of its	question. Yes or No. If Yes, no further information on this board member is required as this board member is ineligible to be presented as accountable.
AC09 AC10	family, inc control 25 Affiliates? Does the l	dividually or 5% or more of board memb	in combination, own or of the Applicant or any of its per, the board member's	question.Yes or No.If Yes, no further information on this board member is required as this board member is ineligible to
	family, inc control 25 Affiliates? Does the l employer,	dividually or 5% or more o board memb , or any men	in combination, own or of the Applicant or any of its	question. Yes or No. If Yes, no further information on this board member is required as this board member is ineligible to be presented as accountable.

Section	Question or Purpose of data field	Response
Section		this board member is ineligible to
		be presented as accountable.
		be presented as accountable.
		If No, continue to the next
		question.
AC11	Does the board member receive financial	Yes or No.
ACII		res or no.
	compensation for their service on the board other	
	than reimbursement for travel or other expenses	If Yes, no further information on
	incurred as a result of their service as a board	this board member is required as
	member?	this board member is ineligible to
		be presented as accountable.
AC12	Is this board member accountable to a Target Market?	Yes or No.
		If No, no further information on
		this board member is required.
		If Yes, continue to the next
		question.
AC13	Identify the Target Market to which the board	Select all that apply
	member is accountable.	
		[A list of the Applicant's Target
		Markets will be auto-populated
		based on information entered in
		TM01.]
Questions	AC14-AC18 will be asked only of board members ident	
Investmer		
	Accountability – Pre-qualified Investment Area	
AC14	What means of accountability does the board	Select all that apply:
AC14	member use to demonstrate that they are	- Resides in a qualified
		census tract.
	currently connected to a Pre-qualified Investment	
	Area?	- Small business owner of a
		business located in a
		qualified census tract(s).
		- An elected official serving
		qualified census tracts.
		- Executive staff member of
		a mission-driven
		organization that primarily
		provides services to
		residents of qualified
		census tracts.
AC15	If the board member is listed as accountable as a	Enter FIPs code.
	resident of a qualified census tract, provide the	
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Section	Question	or Purpose o	of data field	Response	
			sus tract in which the board		
	member	resides.			
AC16	If the board member is listed as accountable as the owner of a small business that is				
	located in	n a qualified c	ensus tract:		
	AC16.1	What perc	entage of ownership does	Enter percentage.	
		the board	member have in the		
		business?			
	AC16.2	What is th	e name of the business	Enter name.	
		owned by	the board member?		
	AC16.3	Does the b	ousiness have multiple	Yes or No.	
		locations (	e.g., a franchise)?		
		If Yes:			
		AC16.3a	Are at least 51% of the	Yes or No.	
			businesses located in a		
			qualified census tract?		
		AC16.3b	What are the FIPs codes of	Enter the business FIPs code.	
			the business locations?		
				Enter the FIPs code for each	
				business location.	
		If No:			
		AC16.3c	Is the business located in a	Yes or No.	
			qualified census tract?		
		AC16.3d	What is the FIPs code of	Enter the business FIPs code.	
			the business location?		
	AC16.4	qualified census tract, the Applicant		Provide narrative.	
			onstrate that the business		
			employs residents of		
			ensus tracts.		
AC17	If the board member is listed as accountable as an elected official serving qualified				
	census tra				
	AC17.1		ne total number of census	Enter number.	
			der the elected official's		
		jurisdictio			
	AC17.2		ne total number of qualified	Enter number.	
			acts under the elected		
	A C 1 7 2	-	urisdiction.	Auto coloulated	
	AC17.3		ge of qualified census tracts	Auto calculated.	
			e elected official's		
		jurisdictic	)(1.		
		Dorcontor	te of qualified consus tracts		
			ge of qualified census tracts greater than 50% for the		
		inust be g			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> The Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code uniquely identifies states and counties and county equivalents and census tracts in the United States, certain U.S. possessions, and certain freely associated states.

Section	Question	or Purpose of data field	Response					
		board member to be considered						
		accountable.						
AC18		If the board member is listed as accountable as an executive staff member of a third party, mission-driven organization that primarily provides services to residents of						
		qualified census tracts:						
	AC18.1	Provide the name of the third party organization.	Enter name.					
	AC18.2	Provide the mission statement of the organization.	Enter mission statement.					
	AC18.3	Identify, in terms of county(ies) or state(s), the geography of the market served by the organization.	Enter market.					
	AC18.4	Provide the employee's job title.	Enter job title.					
	AC18.5	Describe how the board member's employment allows them to connect to qualified census tracts.	Provide description.					
Questions	AC19-AC23 N	will be asked only for board members iden	tified as accountable to a Customized					
Investmen	nt Area							
	Means o	f Accountability – Customized Investment	Area					
AC19	What me	eans of accountability does the board	Select all that apply:					
	currently Investme		<ul> <li>Resides in a qualified census tract of the customized Investment Area.</li> <li>Small business owner where the business is located in a qualified census tract(s).</li> <li>An elected official serving the customized Investment Area.</li> <li>Executive staff member of a mission-driven organization that primarily provides services to residents of the customized Investment Area.</li> </ul>					
AC20	resident customiz	ard member is listed as accountable as a of a qualified census tract of the red Investment Area, provide the FIPS the census tract in which the board resides.	Enter FIPs code.					
AC21		ard member is listed as accountable as the	e owner of a small business that is					
		n a qualified census tract of the customize						

Section	Question o	r Purpose of	data field	Response
	AC21.1		entage of ownership does	Enter percentage.
			member have in the	
		business?		
	AC21.2	What is th	e name of the business	Enter name.
			the board member?	
	AC21.3	-	ousiness have multiple	Yes or No.
			e.g., a franchise)?	
		If Yes:		
		AC21.3a	Are at least 51% of the	Yes or No.
			businesses located in a	
			qualified census tract of	
			the customized	
			Investment Area?	
		AC21.3b	What are the FIPs codes	Enter the business FIPs code.
		, localion	of the business	
			locations?	Enter the FIPs code for each
				business location.
			If No:	
		AC21.3c	Is the business located in	Yes or No.
		AC21.50	a qualified census tract of	
			the customized	
			Investment Area?	
		AC21.3d	What is the FIPs code of	Enter FIPs code.
		AC21.50	the business location?	Litter Firs code.
	AC21.4	If the smal	I business is located in the	Provide narrative.
	7.021.4		d Investment Area but not	
			ed census tract, the	
			must demonstrate that the	
			rincipally employs	
			of the Investment Area.	
AC22	If the hoar		s listed as accountable as an	elected official serving the
		d Investmen		
	AC22.1	1	e total number of census	Enter number.
	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		er the elected official's	
		jurisdiction		
	AC22.2		e total number of qualified	Enter number.
	1.022.2		cts under the elected	
		official's ju		
	AC22.3		e of qualified census tracts	Auto calculated
	,		elected official's	
		jurisdiction		
		Junisalenoi		
		Percentage	e of qualified census tracts	
		-	reater than 50% for the	
			nber to be considered	
		accountab		
	1	accountab	ю.	

Section	<b>Question</b>	or Purpose of data field	Response		
AC23	If the boa	If the board member is listed as accountable as an executive staff member of a third			
	party, mis	ssion-driven organization that primarily p	rovides services to residents of the		
	customize	ed Investment Area:			
	AC23.1	Provide the name of the third party	Enter name.		
		organization.			
	AC23.2	Provide the mission statement of the	Enter mission statement.		
		organization.			
	AC23.3	Identify, in terms of county(ies) or	Enter market.		
		state(s), the geography of the market			
		served by the organization.			
	AC23.4	Provide the employee's job title.	Enter job title.		
	AC23.5	Describe how the board member's	Provide narrative.		
	AC23.5	employment allows them to be			
		connected to the customized			
		Investment Area.			
Questions	$\Lambda C24 \Lambda C26 m$	vill be asked only for board members iden	l tified as accountable to a Low-Income		
	Population	m be asked only for board members dem			
	· ·	y – Low-Income Targeted Population			
AC24		ans of accountability does the board	Select all that apply:		
////		use to demonstrate that they are	- Low-Income individual		
		connected to a Low-Income Targeted	- Executive staff member of		
	Populatio	-	a mission-driven		
	i opulatio		organization that primarily		
			provides services to Low-		
			Income people		
AC25	If the boa	rd member is listed as accountable to	Yes or No or N/A.		
ACZJ		ncome Targeted Population as a Low-	Tes of No of N/A.		
		erson, has the Applicant verified the			
		mber's income?			
AC26		rd member is listed as accountable as			
ACZO					
		ive staff member of a third party,			
		riven organization that primarily			
		services to Low-Income people:	<b>F</b>		
	AC26.1	Provide the name of the third party	Enter name.		
		organization.			
	AC26.2	Provide the mission statement of the	Enter mission statement.		
		organization.			
	AC26.3	Provide the employee's job title.	Enter job title.		
	AC26.4	Describe how the board member's	Provide narrative.		
		employment allows them to be			
		connected to qualified census tracts.			
		vill be asked only for board members iden	tified as accountable to an Other		
Targeted F	Population				
		Accountability – Other Targeted Popula			
AC27	Other Tar	geted Population	Select all that apply:		

Section	Question or Purp	ose of data field	Response
	What means of a member use to c	accountability does the board demonstrate that they are sted to the Other Targeted	<ul> <li>Member of the Other Targeted Population.</li> <li>Executive staff member of a Certified CDFI (OTP-CDFI only).</li> <li>Executive staff member of a mission-driven organization that primarily provides services to the Other Targeted Population (OTP – Persons with Disability only).</li> <li>Family member of a person with disability (OTP – Persons with Disability only).</li> </ul>
AC28	member of the C identify the asse confirm. (See gui assessment by O Identify each me is listed as accou Targeted Popula	thod used if the board member ntable to more than one Other tion.	Select all that apply:         -       OTP-AA.1: Self Report.         -       OTP-AA.2: Visual & ID.         -       OTP-Hisp.1: Self Report.         -       OTP-Hisp.2: Visual & ID.         -       OTP-Hisp.2: Visual & ID.         -       OTP-Hisp.3: Surname.         -       OTP-Native American.1:         Tribal Document.       -         -       OTP-Native Alaskan.1:         Tribal Document.       -         -       OTP-Native Hawaiian.1:         Registry Card.       -         -       OTP-Pacific Islander.1: Self         Report.       -         -       OTP-Pacific Islander.2:         Visual & ID.       -         -       OTP-PWD.1: Self Report.         -       OTP-PWD.2: Visual & ID.         -       OTP-PWD.3: Technology/         Accessibility.       -         -       OTP-Certified CDFI.1:         Certified CDFI.       -         -       Separately approved assessment methodology.
	If "Separately ap methodology:" AC28.1	proved assessment Identify the assessment methodology(ies) approved by the CDFI Fund.	Narrative.

Section	Question of	or Purpose of data field	Response
	AC28.2	Attach a letter(s) from the CDFI	Attachment(s).
		Fund approving the assessment	
		methodology(ies).	
AC29	If the boa	rd member is listed as accountable to the	e Other Targeted Population – CDFI:
	AC29.1	Provide the name of the Certified	Enter name.
		CDFI.	
	AC29.2	Provide the employee's job title.	Enter job title.
AC30		rd member is listed as accountable as an	
	party, mis	ssion-driven organization that primarily se	
	AC30.1	Provide the name of the	Enter name.
		organization.	
	AC30.2	Provide the mission statement of the	Enter mission statement.
		organization.	
	AC30.3	Provide the employee's job title.	Enter job title.
	AC30.4	Describe how the board member's	Provide description.
		employment allows him/her to be	
		connected to Persons with Disability.	
AC31		rd member is listed as accountable as a	Select all that apply:
		ember <sup>24</sup> of a person with disability,	- Spouse
		ne relationship of the board member to	- Parent.
	the perso	n with disability.	- Child.
			- Sibling.
			- Aunt or Uncle.
			- Grandparent.
			- Stepparent.
			- Stepchild.
			- Stepsibling.
			- In-law parent.
			- In-law sibling.
Repeat boa	rd member	data entry for each board member.	
		d member data entry for each board if n	nultiple boards are being used to
•	te accountal	-	
		tities that must demonstrate accountab	ility to the Applicant's proposed
		board and all board member data entry	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Family members include those related by blood or adoption, as well as half-siblings.

# NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

To be a Certified CDFI, the Applicant may not be an agency or instrumentality of the United States, or of any State or political subdivision therein. An entity that is created by, or formed in partnership with a government or government Controlled entity, or receives substantial assistance from a government entity may be a CDFI, provided it is not Controlled by such entities and maintains independent decisionmaking authority over its activities.

A CDFI that is operated or Controlled by a Tribal Government is eligible to apply for Certification. Indian tribes are not agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. or any state.

## Transition Away from Government Control

If an Applicant was previously Controlled by a government or government-Controlled entity, it can demonstrate that it is no longer controlled by a government entity if its governance, organizing documents and board's activities demonstrate that the following conditions have been met for at least one year from the date of the change.

- No government or government-Controlled entity has a Controlling ownership interest in the Applicant by being one of its owners, members or partners or, if the Applicant issues stock, by owning or having the power to vote 25% or more of the voting stock shares.
- No government or government-Controlled entity and no officials or employees of any such entity have the authority to occupy or select who will occupy either the majority or a substantial minority of the Applicant's governing leadership positions (e.g., governing/managing board members, managing member, managing partner, etc.).
- The Applicant's governing leadership has not consisted of a majority or substantial minority of officials or employees of a particular government or government-Controlled entity.

Section	Question o	r purpose of data field	Response
NGE01	Control the of the mem	nore government entities or officials election or appointment of a majority bers of the Applicant's governing board a substantial minority of such members? If yes, explain how this circumstance is	Yes or No. Provide narrative.
	NGEUI.I	not evidence of government Control.	
NGE02	entity have Applicant a partners or	ernment or government-Controlled a Controlling ownership interest in the s one of its owners, members, or , if the Applicant issues stock, by owning ne power to vote 25% or more of the < shares?	Yes or No.
	NGE02.1	If yes, explain how this circumstance is	Provide explanation.
		not evidence of government Control.	

Section	Question o	r purpose of data field	Response
NGE03	members t	pplicant's governing board contain hat are government officials (elected, employees, etc.)?	Yes or No.
			Colort all that any he
	NGE03.1	Identify the governing board memb that are government officials includ the relevant government entity and	ling
		the board member's role with that entity.	
	NGE03.2	Does a majority or substantial minority of the Applicant's board or directors consist of government officials (elected, appointed, employees, etc.)?	Yes or No. f
		NGE03.2a If yes, explain how thi circumstance is not evidence of governme Control.	
	NGE03.3	Does the Applicant's organizing/establishing documents by-laws require that a certain numb of the Applicant's governing board government employees or elected/appointed government officials?	per
		NGE03.3a If yes, explain how thi circumstance does no constitute governmen Control.	t
NGE04	power over executive d	r more government entities have vet the selection of the Applicant's lirector, CEO, or comparable officer, c ic investment decisions?	
NGE05	NGE04.1	If yes, explain how this circumstand does not constitute government Control.	e Provide explanation.
	50% of the budget?	overnment entity provide more than Applicant's operating and/or capital	Yes or No.
	If Yes:		
	NGE05.1	Explain how this circumstance does not constitute government Control	-

Section	Question o	or purpose of data field	Response
	NGE05.2	Does that government entity have the ability to control the use of those funds?	Yes or No.
	NGE05.3	Attach a copy of the contract or grant agreement(s) for any government entity that provides operating and/or capital funds to the Applicant.	Attachment(s).
	NGE05.4	Provide the page number of the document that provides confirmation.	Enter page number(s).
NGE06		overnment entity manage any aspect of ant's operations?	Yes or No.
	NGE06.1	If yes, explain how this circumstance does not constitute government Control.	Provide explanation.
NGE07	governmer	the employees of the Applicant at employees or employees of an an Controlled by one or more at entities?	Yes or No.
	NGE07.1	If yes, explain how this circumstance does not constitute government Control.	Provide.
NGE08		cant is Controlled by another entity, is Controlled by one or more government	Yes or No.
	NGE08.1	If yes, explain how this circumstance does not constitute government Control of the Applicant.	Provide explanation.
NGE09	support pro governmer Applicant c	or more of the Applicant's funding to ograms or activities developed by that at entity and implemented by the on behalf of that government entity a single government entity?	Yes or No.
	NGE09.1	Explain how this funding does not constitute government Control.	Provide explanation.
	NGE09.2	Attach a copy of contract(s).	Attachment(s).
	NGE09.3	Provide the page number of the document that provides confirmation	Enter page number(s).

# NATIVE CDFI DESIGNATION

To receive the Native CDFI designation, an entity must:

- meet all other CDFI Certification requirements;
- primarily serve Native Communities, as evidenced by at least 50% of its Financial Product activity (both number and dollar volume) having been directed to one or more Native Communities during the Applicant's most recently completed full fiscal year prior to the submission of the CDFI Certification Application;<sup>25</sup> and
- demonstrate accountability to a Native Community through at least one of the following options:

## **Option 1: Governing Board Only**

- At least 33% of the governing board are accountable to a Native Community population or Native Community geography; *and*
- At least 50% of such representative board members are members of a Native Community population(s).

## **Option 2: Advisory Board and Governing Board**

- At least 60% of an Advisory Board are accountable to a Native Community population or Native Community geography;
- At least 50% of such representative board members are members of a Native Community population(s);
- At least 20% of the governing board members are accountable to a Native Community population or Native Community geography;
- At least one governing board member has a seat on the Advisory Board; and
- The Applicant has adopted an organizational accountability policy.

# <u>Option 3: Credit Union Membership Supplemented by Advisory Board (credit union Applicant</u> <u>only)</u>

- At least 33% of a credit union's members are determined to be either members of a Native Community population or residents of a Native Community geography, using a CDFI Fund-approved Target Market assessment methodology;
- At least 60% of the Advisory Board are accountable to a Native Community population or Native Community geography;
- At least 50% of such representative board members are members of a Native Community population(s);
- At least one governing board member has a seat on the Advisory Board; and
- The Applicant has adopted an organizational accountability policy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> To maintain the designation status, Native CDFIs must demonstrate compliance with the Native financing activity percentage benchmarks based on a three-year average through the last day of its most recently completed fiscal year. Certified CDFIs, with less than three years of Native CDFI designation or reported data in the TLR, will be evaluated based upon the full history of their reported financing activity, up to three full fiscal years, but not earlier than one full fiscal year prior to the designation.

# Option 4: Advisory Board Only (DIHC and IDI Applicants and Applicants without a formal governing board only)

- At least 80% of the Advisory Board are accountable to a Native Community population or Native Community geography;
- At least 50% of such representative board members are members of a Native Community population(s);
- At least one governing board member or partner/owner of the Applicant entity has a seat on the Advisory Board; *and*
- The Applicant has adopted an organizational accountability policy.

\* Native Communities include the following populations: Native American/American Indian with maintained tribal affiliation or community attachment, Native Alaskan residing in Alaska with maintained tribal affiliation or community attachment, and Native Hawaiian residing in Hawaii; and the following geographies: Native American areas defined as Federally-designated reservations, Hawaiian homelands, Alaska Native Villages and/or U.S. Census Bureau designated Tribal Statistical Areas.

Individual accountability to a Native Community may be demonstrated through any of the following means:

- Membership in a Native Community population
- Residence in a Native Community geography
- Status as a small business owner, where the business is located in a Native Community geography
- Status as an elected Tribal Government official serving the Native Community
- Status as an executive staff member of a mission-driven organization that primarily provides services to residents of the Native Community

Note: the statutorily required collective review process for DIHCs, affiliates of DIHCs, and Subsidiaries of IDIs, required for the general CDFI Certification, does not apply to the Native CDFI designation. However, DIHCs that do not directly provide Financial Products or Financial Services may rely on the activity of an Affiliate to meet the Native CDFI designation requirement.

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
NA01	Does the Applicant want to be designated as a Native CDFI?	Yes or No.
		[If no, no further questions in
		this section.]
NA02	If the Applicant provided Financial Products and/or	Select all that apply:
	depository accounts to any Native Community(ies)	- Native American.
	during the immediate 12 full months completed	- Native Alaskan.
	prior to submission of the CDFI Certification	- Native Hawaiian.
	Application, identify the Native Community(ies) that	

# NATIVE CDFI DESIGNATION – GENERAL

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
	received the Financial Products and/or the depository accounts.	<ul> <li>Native American areas defined as Federally- designated reservation(s).</li> <li>Hawaiian homeland(s).</li> <li>Alaska Native Village(s).</li> <li>U.S. Census Bureau designated Tribal Statistical Area(s).</li> </ul>

# NATIVE CDFI DESIGNATION – ACTIVITY DIRECTED TO NATIVE COMMUNITIES

Applicant and relevant Affiliate(s) data presented by Financial Product category will be collected in the TLR. The data must include all Financial Product transactions, by number and dollar, that were closed during the Applicant's most recently completed fiscal year. Transactions provided to Native Communities must be identified in the TLR in order to count towards the 50% requirement for Native Designation.

Native CDFI Designation Table 1: Native Financing Test				
Percent of Native	Native Community	Percent of Native	Native Community	
Community Financial	threshold met?	<b>Community Financial</b>	threshold met?	
Products – Number		Products – Dollar		
		Volume		
[Auto calculated]	[Auto display – Yes or	[Auto calculated]	[Auto display – Yes or	
	No]		No]	

(Simulated Table – actual display in AMIS may differ)

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
NA-NC01	Is the Applicant a DIHC that is relying on its Affiliates to meet the CDFI Certification Financing Entity or Target Market requirements?	Yes or No.
	NA-NC01.1 <b>If yes</b> , identify all Affiliate(s) that are required to be presented for review in connection with the CDFI Certification collective review.	Identify the relevant Affiliate(s).
NA-NC02	Native Communities assessment methodology attestation – Financial Products: Applicant attests that Financial Product transactions counted have and will continue to be directed to Native Communities using the assessment methodology(ies) that was pre-approved by the CDFI Fund.	Yes or No.

Section	Question or	purpose of data field	Response
NA-NC03			<ul> <li>Select all that apply.</li> <li>OTP-Native American.1: Tribal Doc</li> <li>OTP-Native Alaskan.1: Tribal Doc</li> <li>OTP-Native Hawaiian.1: Registry Card</li> <li>Separately approved assessment methodology</li> </ul>
	If "Separatel	y approved assessment methodology:"	
	NA-NC03.1	Identify the assessment methodology(ies) approved by the CDFI Fund.	Provide narrative.
	NA-NC03.2	Attach a letter(s) from the CDFI Fund approving the assessment methodology(ies).	Attachment(s).

# NATIVE CDFI DESIGNATION – NATIVE COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY

Section	Question or	purpose of data field	Respo	nse
NA-CA01 NA-CA02	What type of Applicant's N If the Applica	board is being used to maintain the lative Community accountability?	Select - - Enter I	one: Governing board Governing and Advisory Boards Credit union membership and Advisory Board (credit union only) Advisory Board only (DIHCs, IDIs, and those with no formal governing board only) Board Name.
NA-CA03		nt will use credit union membership and an rd to maintain Native Community y:		
	NA-CA03.1	Total number of credit union members active with the Applicant as of the last day	Enter r	number.

Section	<b>Ouestion</b> or	purpose of data field	Response
		of the last month of the immediate 12 full months completed prior to submission of the Application.	
	NA-CA03.2	Identify the Native Community that will be used to demonstrate Native Community accountability through credit union membership.	Select one: - Native Community Geography Investment Area – Pre-qualified - Other Targeted Population – Native American - Other Targeted Population – Native Alaskan residing in Alaska - Other Targeted Population – Native Hawaiian residing in Hawaii
	NA-CA03.3	What is the total number of credit union members who are members of this Native Community?	Enter the total number of credit union members who are members of the Native Community.
	NA-CA03.4	Calculate percentage of credit union members who are members of this Native Community.	[May auto-calculate] Enter percentage of credit union members who are members of the Native Community.
	NA-CA03.5	Applicant attests that only a CDFI Fund- approved Target Market assessment methodology(ies) has been and will continue to be used to determine whether credit union members are of a Native Community.	Yes or No.
NA-CA04		ant will use an Advisory Board to maintain its nunity accountability, identify that Advisory	Enter board name.
	NA-CA04.1	Does the Applicant have an organizational accountability policy that has been board approved?	Yes or No. If No, the Applicant is unable to use an Advisory Board.

Section	Question or	purpose of data	a field	Response
		NA-CA04.1a	Does the policy describe the role of the Advisory Board?	Yes or No.
		NA-CA04.1b	Does the policy detail how the Advisory Board informs itself about the Native Community?	Yes or No.
		NA-CA04.1c	Does the policy describe the Advisory Board method for providing advice to the governing board?	Yes or No.
		NA-CA04.1d	Attach the board approved organizational accountability policy.	Attach.
	NA-CA04.2	Does the boar times a year?	rd meet at least three (3)	Yes or No. If No, the Applicant is not
			d requires that the Advisory t least three (3) times a year.	eligible for Certification.
	NA-CA04.3	Basis upon wh Board selecte	hich members of the Advisory d? If "Other," describe the	Select one or more: - For ability to solicit feedback from the Native Community - For knowledge of the needs and condition of the Native Community - For knowledge of Financial Products and/or Financial Services - For knowledge of strategic planning and/or policies and procedures for financial institutions - Other Narrative.
		NA-CAU4.3a	other basis upon which Advisory Board members are selected.	Narrative.
	NA-CA04.4		ory Board members obtain om the Native Community?	Selection one or more: - Direct involvement with the Native Community. - Focus groups.

Section	Question or	purpose of data	afield	Response
				<ul> <li>Participation in community meetings.</li> <li>Survey.</li> <li>Review of research reports.</li> <li>Other.</li> </ul>
		NA-CA04.4a	If " <b>Other</b> ," describe the other way in which the Advisory Board member obtain input from the Native Community.	Narrative.
	NA-CA04.5		ities/policies does the d provide input to the dership?	Select one or more: - Loan Product/Financial Services development - Organizational Policy development - Strategic planning - Marketing strategies - Development Services - Other
		NA-CA04.5a	If " <b>Other</b> ," describe the other activities/policies on which the Advisory Board provides input to the governing leadership.	Narrative.
Applicants	will enter all	relevant board	member data in questions N/	A-CA05 – NA-CA11 for each
			rd member accountable to a N	lative Community.
NA-CA05		r of board mem		Enter number.
NA-CA06		ive Board memb		Enter name.
NA-CA07	Native Common of the advise	nunity accounta ory board also se	dvisory board to meet the ability test, does this member erve on the Applicant's ember also a partner/owner?	Yes or No.
NA-CA08			r member of their family an or any of its Affiliates?	Yes or No. If Yes, no further information on this board member is required, as this board member is ineligible to be presented as accountable.
NA-CA09	individually o	or in combinatio	any member of their family, on, own or control 25% or y of its Affiliates?	Yes or No. If Yes, no further information on this board member is

Section	Question or purpose of data field	Response
occuron		required, as this board
		member is ineligible to be
		presented as accountable.
		•
NA-CA10	Does the board member have an active Financial Product	Yes or No.
	from the Applicant?	If Voc. no further information
		If Yes, no further information on this board member is
		required, as this board
		member is ineligible to be
		presented as accountable.
1		presented as accountable.
NA-CA11	Identify the Native Community type to which the board	Select at least one.
	member is accountable.	- Native Community
		Geography
		- Native Community
		Population
Means of A	Accountability – Native Community Geography	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Questions	NA-CA12 – NA-CA16 will be asked only for board members ic	lentified as accountable to a
Native Con	nmunity Geography	
NA-CA12	Identify the means of accountability the board member	Select all that apply:
	uses to demonstrate that they are currently connected to	<ul> <li>Resides in a Native</li> </ul>
	a Native Community geography?	Community
		geography
		<ul> <li>Small business owner</li> </ul>
		where the business is
		located in a qualified
		census tract of a
		Native Community
		geography
		<ul> <li>Elected Tribal</li> </ul>
		Government official
		serving the Native
		Community
		<ul> <li>Executive staff</li> </ul>
		member of a mission-
		driven organization
		that primarily
		provides services to
		residents of a Native
		Community
		geography
NA-CA13	If the board member is a resident of a qualified census	Enter FIPs code.
	tract of a Native Community geography, provide the FIPS	
	code for the census tract within which they reside.	

Section	Question or	purpose of dat	a field	Response			
NA-CA14	If the board member is the owner of a small business that is located in a Native						
	Community geography:						
	NA-CA14.1 What percentage of ownership does the			Enter Percentage.			
		board member have in the business?					
	NA-CA14.2	What is the na	ame of the business owned	Enter Name.			
		by the board					
	NA-CA14.3		s located in a Native	Yes or No			
		Community g					
	NA-CA14.4		usiness address and FIPs code	Enter FIPs code.			
		of the busines		<u> </u>			
		siness have mul	Yes or No.				
	franchise)?	If Vee					
		If Yes: NA-CA14.4a	Are at least 51% of the	Yes or No.			
		NA-CA14.4d	businesses located in a	fes of No.			
			qualified Native Community				
			census tract?				
		NA-CA14.4b	What are the FIPs codes of	Enter the business FIPs code.			
			the business locations?				
				Enter the FIPs code for each			
				business location.			
		If No:	•				
		NA-CA14.4c	Is the business located in a	Yes or No.			
			Native Community qualified				
			census tract?				
		NA-CA14.4d	What is the FIPs code of the	Enter the business FIPs code.			
			business location?				
NA-CA15	If the board member is an elected Tribal Government official serving the Native						
	Community						
	NA-CA15.1		otal number of tracts under	Enter number.			
			fficial's jurisdiction.	Faster work or			
	NA-CA15.2 Provide the total number of Native Community census tracts under the			Enter number.			
			al's jurisdiction.				
	NA-CA15.3		[May auto-calculate].				
	NA-CA15.3 Percentage of qualified Native Commun census tracts under the elected official's						
		jurisdiction.					
		,					
		Percentage of	f qualified census tracts must				
		•	an 50% for the board member				
		to be conside					
NA-CA16	If the board member is accountable to a Native Community geography as an executive						
	staff member of a third party, mission-driven organization that primarily provides service						
	to residents of the Native Community geography:						
	NA-CA16.1		ame of the third party	Enter Name.			
		organization.					

Section	Question or	purpose of data field	Response
	NA-CA16.2	Provide the mission statement of the organization.	Enter mission statement.
	NA-CA16.3	Identify, in terms of county(ies) or state(s), the Native Community geography of the market served by the organization.	Enter market.
	NA-CA16.4	Provide the employee's job title.	Enter job title
	NA-CA16.5	Describe how the board member's employment allows them to be connected to the Native Community geography that consists of Native census tracts.	Provide description.
	Means of Ac	countability – Native Community Population	·
	NA-CA17 – NA nmunity Popu	A-CA18 will be asked only for board members in lation	dentified as accountable to a
NA-CA17	Is the board member a member of a Native Community Population?		Yes or No.
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