Community Development Financial Institutions Fund  
Highlights of the  
FY 2000 CDFI Program Funding  
Core and Intermediary Components

**Amount and Type of Assistance**

The CDFI Fund selected 75 community development financial institutions (CDFIs) to receive a total of $72,732,110 in financial and technical assistance under the FY 2000 Core Component of the CDFI Program. This funding includes the following types and amounts of assistance:

- **Grants** $54,600,500
- **Loans** $13,930,000
- **Secondary Capital** $ 1,680,000
- **Equity Investments** $ 1,230,000
- **Deposits** $ 300,000
- **Technical Assistance** $ 991,610

The Fund also provided $3,067,000 in financial and technical assistance to two CDFI Intermediaries under the FY 2000 Intermediary Component of the CDFI Program. The Intermediary Component provides support to those CDFIs that primarily finance and build the capacity of other CDFIs.

These awards represent the fifth round of funding under the Core Component and the fourth round of funding under the Intermediary Component. The Fund expects to make a few additional awards under both the FY 2000 Core and Intermediary Components by December 31, 2000.

**Organizational Diversity**

The Fund’s awards will benefit a wide range of CDFIs, from organizations that provide start-up capital to budding entrepreneurs in the Mississippi Delta to organizations that provide financing for affordable housing in New York City. The awardees tailor their services and products to the particular target markets that they serve, which may include economically distressed geographic areas and/or underserved individuals. While many of the Core Component awardees provide a range of financial and other products to meet their community needs, the awardees can be organized into the following categories based on organization type and predominant focus of each organization’s comprehensive business plan:

- 28 loan funds primarily finance affordable housing and/or community facilities;
- 19 loan funds primarily finance small businesses;
- 14 loan funds primarily finance microenterprises;
- 7 awardees are community development credit unions;
- 4 awardees are community development venture capital funds;
- 2 awardees are multi-bank community development corporations (CDFIs that are
capitalized by banks to provide financing for affordable housing, small businesses, and/or
community facilities); and
- 1 awardee is a community development bank holding company.

Of the two recipients of Intermediary Component awards, one provides financial and technical
support to community development credit unions in North Carolina’s distressed rural counties
and urban areas, and the other provides financial and technical support to CDFIs that finance
affordable homeownership and other community needs in rural communities around the country.

Of the 75 CDFIs selected for funding under Core Component, the median asset size is $4.8
million (as of the date of application). Both small and large institutions are represented among
the awardees -- 20 of the Core Component awardees have total assets under $2 million and 20
have total assets over $10 million.

11 of the Core Component awardees (approximately 15% of the total number of awardees) are
start-up institutions that have been operating for two years or less.

Geographic Reach

The organizations selected for Core Component awards are located in 33 states and Washington,
D.C. and serve at least 40 states. The FY 2000 round marks the Fund’s first Core Component
awards in Tennessee, South Carolina and West Virginia.

Of the Fund’s 75 Core Component awardees, 54 organizations report that they serve urban areas,
41 report serving rural areas, and 28 report serving suburban areas, with many of the
organizations serving a combination of urban, rural, and suburban markets. Additionally, two
organizations are focused on serving Native American communities.

Impact and Innovation

The Fund’s FY 2000 awardees are providing a wide range of innovative activities serving
underserved communities and the people who live there, including the following:

- Providing venture capital financing for businesses creating jobs for low-income people in
distressed urban and rural communities (Community Development Ventures, Kentucky
Highlands Investment Corporation, Northeast Ventures Corporation);
- Increasing access to fair financial services, such as low-minimum checking accounts, and
affordable loans in underserved markets (Lower East Side People’s Federal Credit Union,
Neighborhood Trust Federal Credit Union, Rowan-Iredell Area Credit Union, Santa Cruz
Community Credit Union, Vermont Development Federal Credit Union);
- Providing affordable microenterprise, small business, and mortgage loans to Native
American and Alaska Native communities (Alaska Growth Capital BIDCO, Hopi Credit
Association, Lakota Fund);
- Bringing financial institutions together to finance affordable housing for low-income
people and/or people living in underserved communities in some of the nation’s highest
cost housing markets (Hawaii Community Reinvestment Corporation, Lenders for
Community Development);
- Providing financing and building the capacity of nonprofit organizations to develop
affordable housing for low-income farmworkers and their families in rural Oregon
(Community and Shelter Assistance Corporation);
- Providing financing and technical assistance services for community-based nonprofits, such as social service agencies and economic development organizations serving underserved populations (Chicago Community Loan Fund, Ways to Work, Inc.); and
- Increasing the availability of credit to develop and expand childcare facilities serving low-income children and underserved communities (Community Loan Fund of New Jersey, Illinois Facilities Fund, Self-Help Ventures Fund).