



**Highlights
of the
FY 2001 CDFI Program
Core and Intermediary Components**

The CDFI Fund has completed its 2001 round of funding under the Core and Intermediary Components of the CDFI Program. The Fund will award \$49,785,000 in financial and technical assistance to community development financial institutions (CDFI) across the country. Under Core and Intermediary Components, the Fund makes awards to CDFIs in the form of loans, grants, equity investments, deposits, and secondary capital; additionally, technical assistance requests are also funded:

Grants	\$33,100,000
Loans	\$11,290,000
Equity	\$ 4,100,000
Secondary Capital	\$ 550,000
Technical Assistance	\$ 745,000

Organizational Diversity

The community development financial institutions that are supported by Fund awards offer variety of critical financial services to distressed areas and underserved populations throughout the country. These organizations have developed their services and products to address unmet financial services needs of communities and individuals. The products and services they offer include basic retail services such as checking and savings accounts, lending products such as small business and home loans, and development services such as financial education/literacy, home ownership and small business counseling. Though many organizations may provide more than one type of product or service, the awardees can be categorized into the following categories based on the predominant focus of activity as stated in their comprehensive business plan:

- 26 Awardees provide financing for affordable housing;
- 20 are dedicated to microenterprise and small business financing;
- 3 Awardees are dedicated to community facilities financing;
- 2 Awardees provide consumer loans;
- 40 Awardees are loan funds;
- 5 Awardees are community development credit unions;
- 3 Awardees are community development bank holding companies;
- 2 Awardees are community development venture capital funds; and
- 1 Awardee is a multi-bank CDC.

Two institutions received awards through the Intermediary Component. Both awardees have a national focus. One is an established Intermediary that helps to build the capacity of a range of CDFIs through financial and technical assistance and training; the other is a start-up entity with

the purpose of supporting microenterprise through financing state level microenterprise intermediaries.

Of the 53 Awardees, eight, or 15%, of the organizations funded are start-ups. The total asset size of the organizations varied greatly reflecting the diversity of support to both large, established CDFIs to smaller, newer entities. The total asset size ranged from \$0 in total assets (a recent start-up) to as large as \$63 million in assets. The median asset size is \$ 4 million.

Geography

The geographic location and service areas of the recipients are as diverse as the services and products they offer. Awardees are located in 27 states and serve all 50 states and Washington D.C., Puerto Rico and American Samoa; 40 awardees serve urban areas, 38 serve rural communities and 22 serve suburban areas with many awardees serving multiple geographic markets.

Impacts & Innovations

The 2001 Awardees provide critical services to distressed communities. The services provided can represent basic needs or are highly innovative products to address unmet needs of hard to serve populations. The commonality of CDFI Awardees is the positive community development impact produced by the provision of these services/products. The Awardees' activities represent re-investment in communities and individuals. These innovative practices include:

- Providing basic financial services such as checking and savings accounts to residents of low wealth communities and traditionally underserved populations.
- Financing housing development/rehab and economic development projects to increase access to affordable housing and jobs in rural America.
- Supporting affordable housing, economic development and other community development efforts undertaken by or established through faith-based organizations.
- Supporting women's small and micro-business development by increasing access to credit and capital.
- Providing venture capital funding to businesses that locate in economically distressed communities or that benefit low-income residents.
- Financing Native American and Native Hawaiian small business, microenterprise and affordable housing development.
- Fostering partnerships with financial institutions to fund affordable housing development and other community development projects.