

Strengthening Small & Emerging CDFIs

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Dr. Swack was the founder and former Dean of the School of Community Economic Development (CED) at Southern New Hampshire University. Dr. Swack has been involved in the design, implementation and management of a number community development lending and investment institutions both inside and outside the United States. He was the first Chairman and served for 17 years as a board member of the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA), a state-chartered equity fund for community economic development ventures and projects. He is the founding president and a current board member of the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund. He was a founding board member of the National Association of Community Development Loan Funds (now the Opportunity Finance Network), a trade association of Community Development Finance Institutions. In 2000 he founded, and continues to direct, the Financial Innovations Roundtable, a program that promotes new approaches and policies designed to build the field of community development finance and increase access to capital for community development intermediaries. Internationally he has been involved in development finance and microfinance work in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

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