



FORT WORTH, TEXAS

ONE SAFE PLACE

NEW MARKET TAX CREDITS ASSIST VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

PEOPLEFUND



One Safe Place Family Justice Center

*(*Center is pictured at night to ensure client safety)*

"We place our NMTC allocation in essential nonprofit facilities in distressed census tracts that create jobs in the local community, and One Safe Place met this rigorous criteria."

*Gary Lindner, President & CEO
PeopleFund*

Tarrant County, located in north central Texas, is an urban county with a population of approximately 1.8 million people. Fort Worth serves as the county seat. According to the 2017 Annual Report of the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney, one in three women in the county will experience intimate partner violence (IPV) at some point in her lifetime--almost 10 percent higher than the national average in 2016. As described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, IPV is domestic violence by a current or former partner or spouse.

One Safe Place, a county-sponsored nonprofit organization that provides comprehensive crime and violence prevention services throughout Tarrant County, was in need of a permanent home for its Family Justice Center. The Family Justice Center is a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary co-located service center that provides services to victims of domestic violence including sexual assault, child abuse, elder or dependent adult abuse, and human trafficking. The Family Justice Center model is designated as a best-practice for domestic violence intervention and prevention by the U.S. Department of Justice.

CDFI Fund NMTC Allocates:

- PeopleFund NMTC
- Lone Star Emerging Business Fund, LLC
- Chase New Markets Corporation

Community Profile: Tarrant County, TX

- 22.7% Poverty Rate in the Census Tract
- Median Family Income: 52.6% of the Benchmarked County AMI

NMTC Investment Recipient:

Safe City Commission, a Texas Nonprofit

Financing Overview:**Partners:**

- PeopleFund: \$4.9 million QLICI
- Lone Star Emerging Business Fund: \$5.88 million QLICI
- Chase New Markets Corporation: \$2.0 million QLICI

Total Project Cost: \$12.78 million

Project Highlights:

- Service center for victims of domestic violence
 - Rent-free space for 16 victims advocacy groups
 - 150 construction jobs created and training programs
 - 100 permanent jobs created or retained
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Recognizing the urgent need to create a refuge to receive coordinated supportive services for area victims of domestic violence, PeopleFund—a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and Community Development Entity (CDE) headquartered in Texas—provided a \$4.9 million New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Qualified Low-Income Community Investment (QLICI) that was used to develop a 67,000 square-foot facility to serve as the One Safe Place Family Justice Center. Additional QLICIs were provided by Lone Star Emerging Business Fund and Chase New Markets Corporation.

The One Safe Place Family Justice Center moved into its permanent home in 2015 and houses 16 separate victim advocacy and supportive services groups—it is the area's only all-inclusive domestic abuse and family support center. Prior to moving into the facility, One Safe Place served less than 700 people per year. In 2018, in part due to the expanded capacity of its permanent facility, it provided services to 17,000 people.

Chase New Markets Corporation is a certified CDE, established in 2003, that has received \$605 million in NMTC allocations. It has used these allocations to invest nationally in community facilities, charter schools, health care facilities, grocery stores, as well as manufacturing, and industrial facilities in severely distressed communities. For more information, visit the [Chase](#) website.

Lone Star Emerging Business Fund is a certified CDE, which was established in 2010 by certified CDFI Accion Texas (now LiftFund), that has received total NMTC allocations of \$15 million. Lone Star Emerging Business Fund has indicated it prioritizes its NMTC transactions toward maximizing economic growth and job creation in distressed and underserved communities experiencing high level of unemployment in Texas. For more information, go to the [LiftFund](#) website.

PeopleFund NMTC is a certified CDE that was established in 2013. PeopleFund has received \$100 million in NMTC allocations, which it deploys into distressed areas, to construct essential community facilities and create new jobs, throughout Texas. For more information, go to the [PeopleFund](#) website.

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