

# AMENDMENT REQUEST GUIDANCE: TECHNICAL AMIS GUIDE FOR CMF

Capital Magnet Fund (CMF)

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#### 1.0 Introduction to Amendments in AMIS

#### Overview

This document will guide Organizations in how to request a CMF Amendment in AMIS.

Utilizing a Service Request, an organization will create a new amendment-focused request. A customized intake form, called Amendment, will guide the Organization in providing all relevant information and necessary attachments. When an organization has finished completing their initial intake form, they will submit any required documents.

#### High-Level Workflow

A high-level workflow for Amendment Requests is outlined here:



### 2.0 How to Submit a Capital Magnet Fund (CMF) Amendment Request

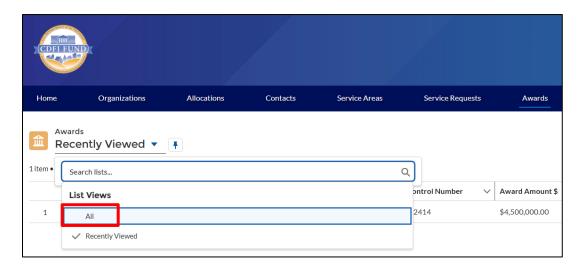
#### Create Service Request

Create a Service Request in AMIS to begin the Amendment process using the steps below. For additional information on how to create Service Requests, please review Section 8 of the training manual, <u>Getting Started – Navigating AMIS</u>.

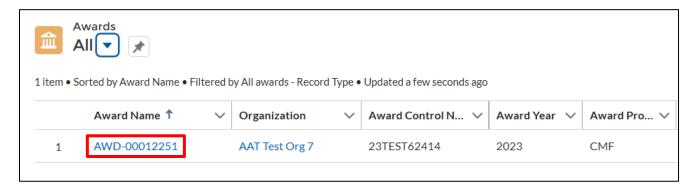
1. Open AMIS and select "Awards"



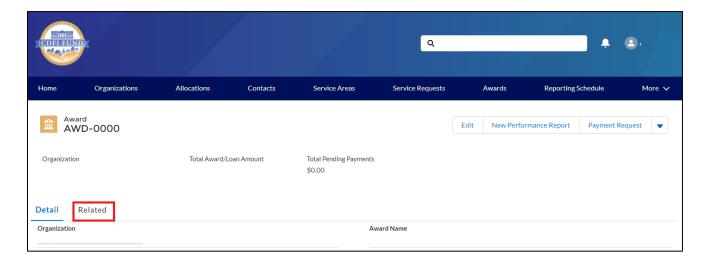
2. Change the List View to "All" to display all Organization Awards



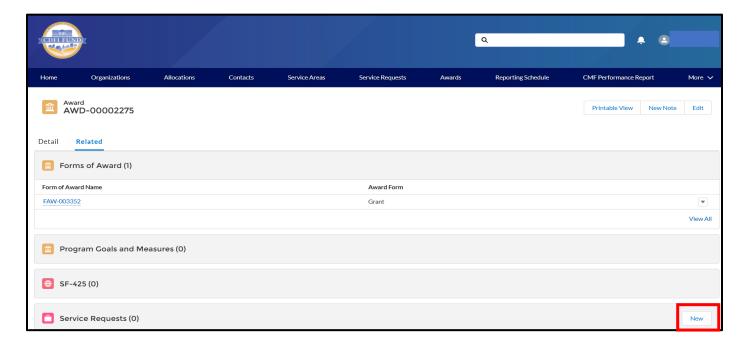
3. Select the desired Award by clicking on the Award Name starting with "AWD" from the List View to open the Award page.



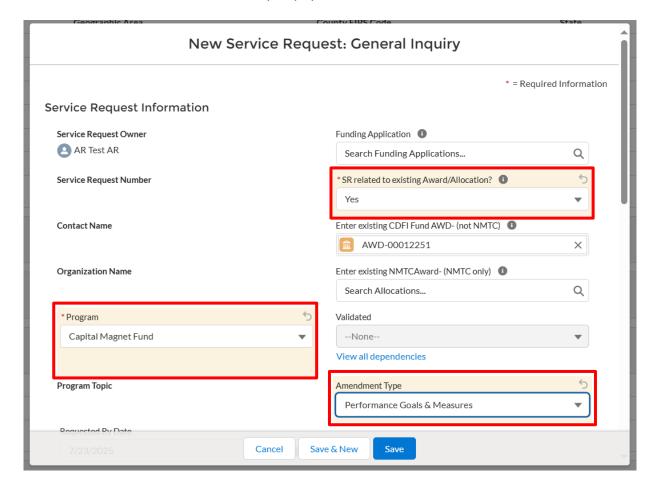
4. Navigate to the Related Tab and locate the Service Request section



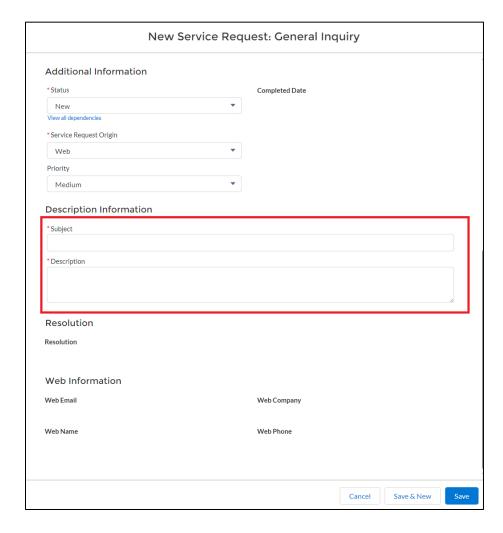
5. Select "New" to create a new Service Request for this Award



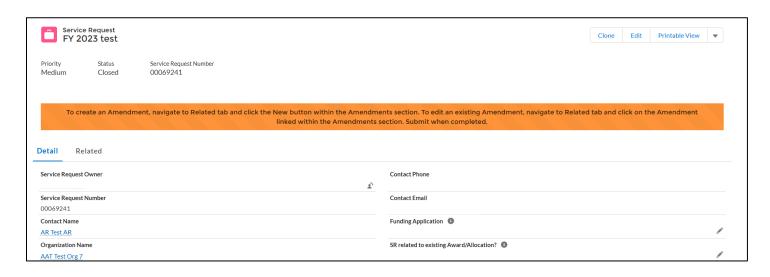
- 6. Fill out the required information for a Service Request:
  - a. Set "Program" equal to "Capital Magnet Fund"
  - b. Set "Amendment Type" equal to "Performance Goals and Measures."
  - c. Set "SR related to existing Award/Allocation?" to "Yes"
  - d. The Award information will be pre-populated.



7. Enter values for "Subject" and "Description" that capture the purpose of the request. Note: This is not where you will enter the Performance Goal justification. Instead, you will enter a short summary of the request (e.g., Subject: "Amendment for FY 2020 CMF Award," Description: "Requesting to extend the Project Completion Date by one year").

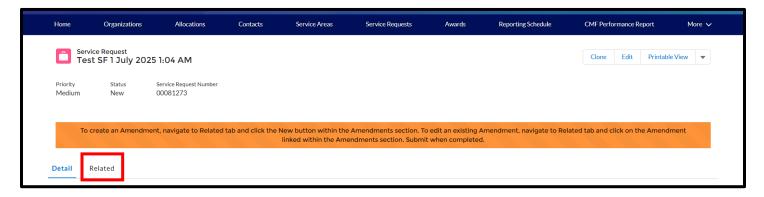


8. Select Save to create the Service Request. You will then see this screen.

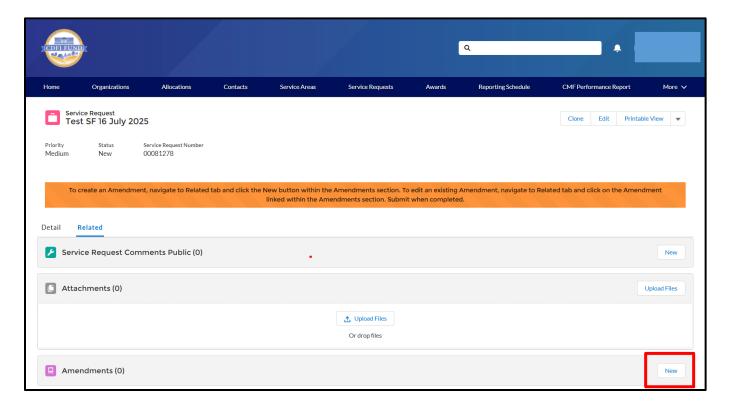


#### Create the Amendment

1. Select "Related" on the Service Request.



2. Locate the Amendment Section and create a new Amendment by Selecting "New."



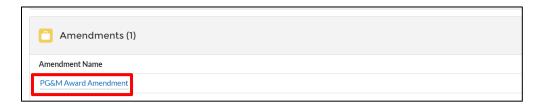
3. Enter a "Amendment Name" such as [My Organization] [Award Control Number] PG&M Amendment [Type], e.g., Test Org 181CM0505321 PG&M Amendment Rural



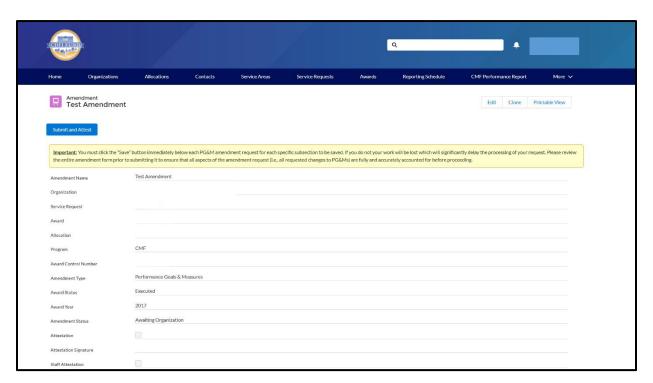
4. Select Save

#### **Enter Amendment Information**

1. Open the newly created Amendment by selecting the Amendment Name hyperlink:



2. This will open the following page:



3. The CMF Amendment page is broken down into sections for each amendable Performance Goal.

There are three types of potential amendments (click hyperlink to jump to applicable section):

- Project Completion Date
- Geographic Areas (<u>Removal</u> and <u>Addition</u>)
- Performance Goals and Measure Benchmark

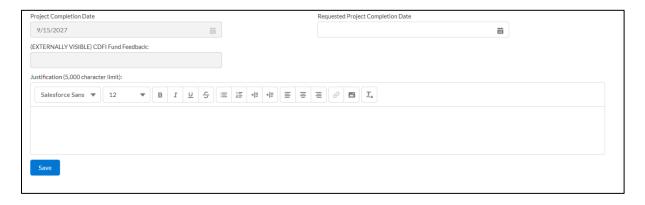
Note: Each amendment request section has its own Save button. You must click Save for each individual section for which you are requesting a change. If you request an amendment and type a justification, but do not click the Save button immediately below the justification text box, your work will NOT be saved. You will know that your work has been saved when you see a green banner across the top of the page that looks like this:



#### Project Completion Date

- Enter the Requested Project Completion Date by typing in the date (MM/DD/YYYY) or selecting the date on using the calendar button on the right side of the field
- Enter the Justification text
- Select Save

Note: Extensions are limited to one year, per the CMF Program Amendments Guide and Intake Steps



#### Geographic Area Removal

- Check the "Remove Geographic Area" box for the geographic area you are requesting to remove from the Award
- Enter Justification text for Geographic Area Removal.
- Select Save for each removal request

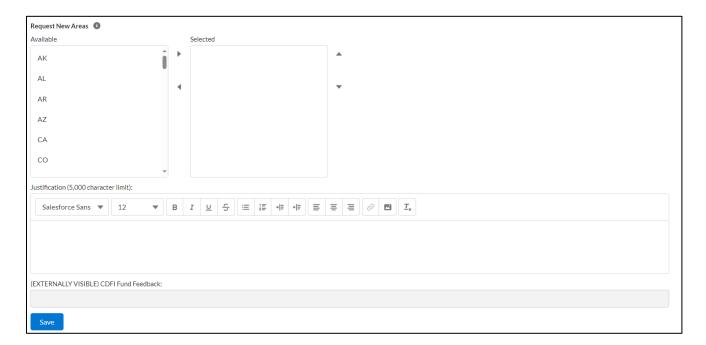


#### Geographic Area Addition

- Select all Geographic Areas you are requesting to add to the Award. Do this by clicking the state or territory abbreviation in the "Available" column, then clicking the left arrow to move it to the "Selected" column. If you make an error, you can select a state in the "Selected" column and click the right arrow to move it back to the "Available" column.
- Enter Justification text for adding these areas
  - Note there is just one justification box for all addition requests; be sure to provide an explanation for each geographic area you are requesting to add
- Select Save for the geographic area addition

Note the maximum number of States for an Award are as follows:

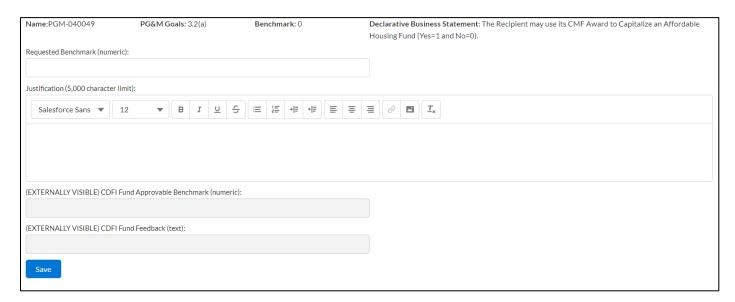
- 2017 2019: 10 States
- 2020 and forward: 15 States



#### Performance Goal and Measure Benchmarks

- Identify the PG&M Benchmark(s) you are requesting an amendment for
- Enter a new value into the field "Requested Benchmark (numeric)"
- Enter Justification text for why this change is requested
- Select Save for each benchmark request

Please note that certain PG&Ms only accept benchmark values of "0" or "1". See the PG&M declarative business statement below as an example.

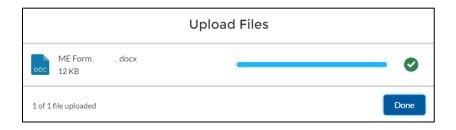


#### Upload Documents as Needed

1. Locate the File Upload section at the bottom of the Amendment page.



2. Upload documents as needed.



Note: Files uploaded to the Amendment will be stored and accessible from the related Service Request. They will not be visible on the Amendment page.

#### Submit and Attest

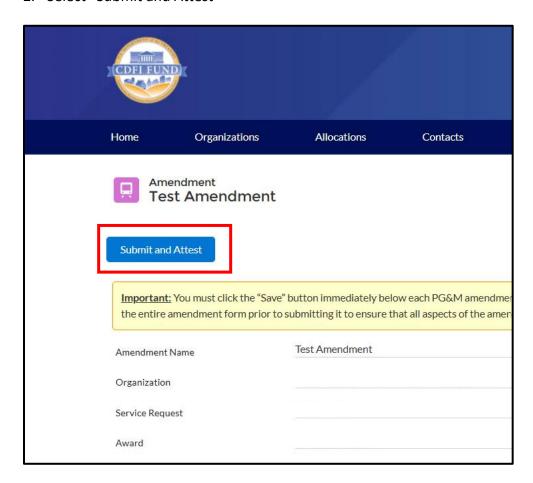
The Amendment will not be sent to the CMF Team until it is Submitted. Only Submit and Attest once all information pertaining to the Amendment Request has been entered.

Only users who have been designated <u>as an "Authorized Representative" in AMIS</u> will have the ability to Submit and Attest **the Amendment record.** 

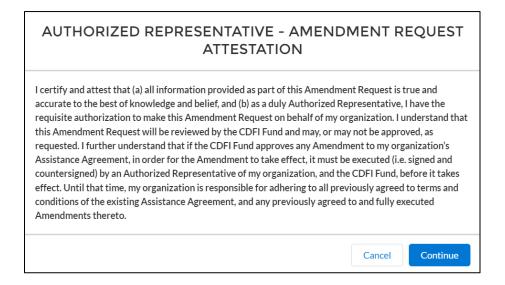
**Note**: All users under an Organization can now see all Service Requests associated with that Organization. Therefore, the Amendment record can be started by a non-Authorized Representative, but it must be submitted by one.

If the Amendment object is not open already, open it (navigate to the appropriate Service Request, then go to the "Related" menu to find the Amendment object, and click on its hyperlinked name).

- 1. Review all subsections to make sure that all requests are captured. (Recall that when inputting Amendment requests and justification text, the "Save" button needs to be clicked after EACH subsection to save your work.)
- 2. Select "Submit and Attest"



3. Review the Amendment Attestation and select Continue if the attestation text is true.



The Amendment is required to be Submitted and Attested for original submission and for every modification to the Amendment request during the entirety of Amendment processing.

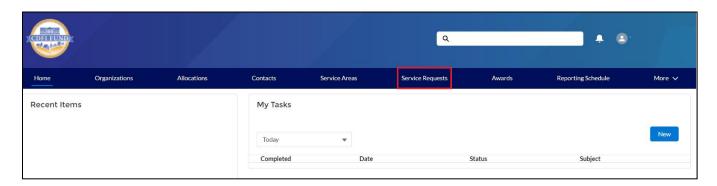
Successful submission of an Amendment can be verified by closing the Amendment, re-opening it, and referencing the Amendment Status. Once submitted, the Amendment Status will become "Initial Review".

## 3.0 Tasks After Submitting an Amendment

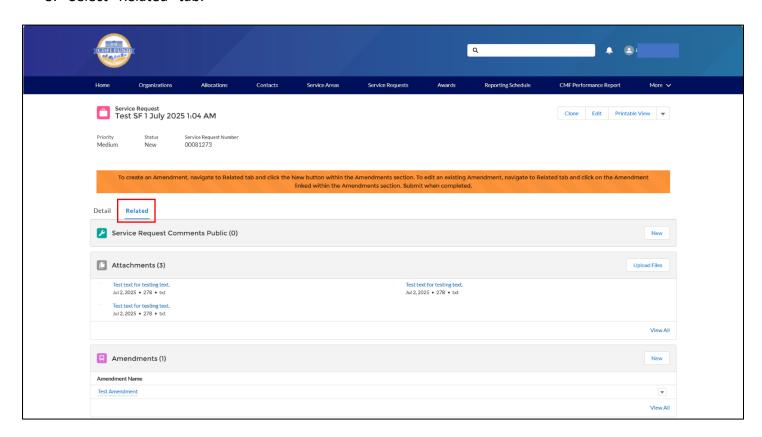
#### Communication with CDFI

Communication with CDFI during an Amendment follows the same process as other Service Requests.

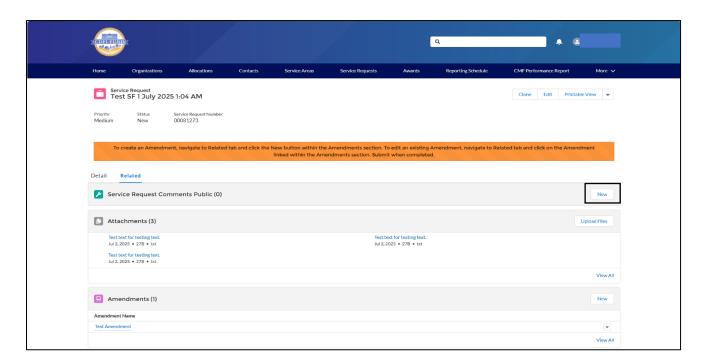
1. Open AMIS and select Service Requests



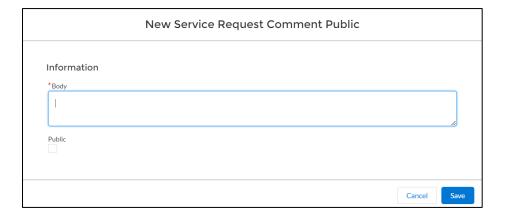
- 2. Open the applicable Service Request related to the Amendment request (do not open a new Service Request)
- 3. Select "Related" tab.



4. Locate the section for Service Request Comments Public and select New.



5. Enter message and select "Save." Upon pressing Save, the CMF Analyst assigned to your Service Request will be alerted you have submitted a new message.



#### Providing Additional Information & CMF Recommended Benchmarks

The submitter of the amendment will be notified if the Amendment is returned via an AMIS-generated email. Amendments may be returned for a few different reasons, including inability to amend or if the request has a material competitive impact.

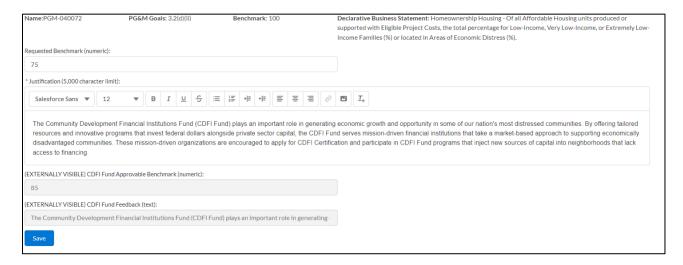
When an Amendment is returned, it will be editable again in order for the Recipient to make updates or provide additional information to the Amendment record.

CMF Staff processing the submitted Amendment Request have the option to add a recommendation and return the Amendment for review. Staff recommendations can include an alternative recommended benchmark value as well as information on why the CDFI recommendation is different than the requested value.

To move forward with the Amendment, for each PGM request:

- 1. Modify the "Requested Benchmark" to match the "CDFI Fund Approvable Benchmark".
- 2. Update the "Justification" text as needed.
- 3. Press "Save"

After all PGM requests have been updated, select "Submit and Attest" after making any changes, following the guide <u>above</u>.



An Amendment may also be rejected outright if it falls out of allowable reasons for making a change. In such instances, the submitter of the amendment will receive a notification via email, the related Service Request will be closed, and instructions will be provided for next steps.

#### Signing Letters

Amendments in AMIS provide the functionality for digital signatures. The Authorized Representative submitter of the Amendment will be notified via email if they are required to provide a digital signature for any documents related to processing the Amendment. To sign the amendment letter, complete the following steps:

1. Open the Service Request that contains the Amendment and then open the Amendment record within that Service Request.

Note: The link to the amendment will be in the email sent to the Authorized Representative

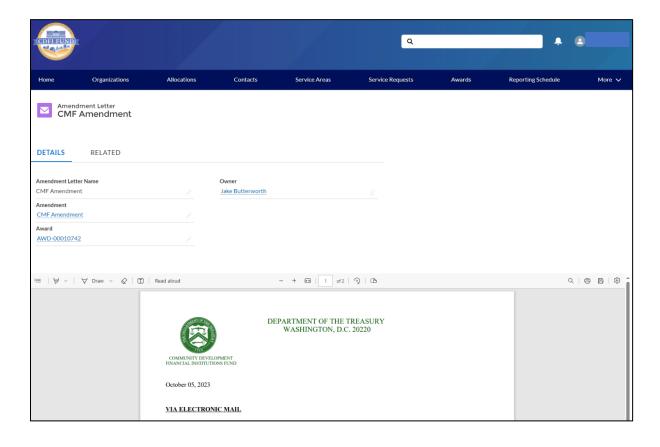
2. Review the Amendment Letter and updated Schedule 1. To review the Amendment Letter, scroll to the bottom of the page and locate the "Amendment Letters" section at the bottom of the Amendment Form



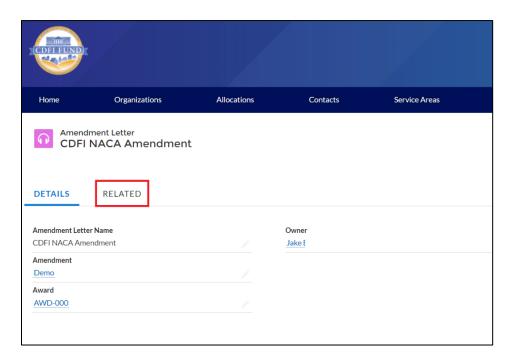
3. Open the Amendment Letter record by selecting the Amendment Letter Name



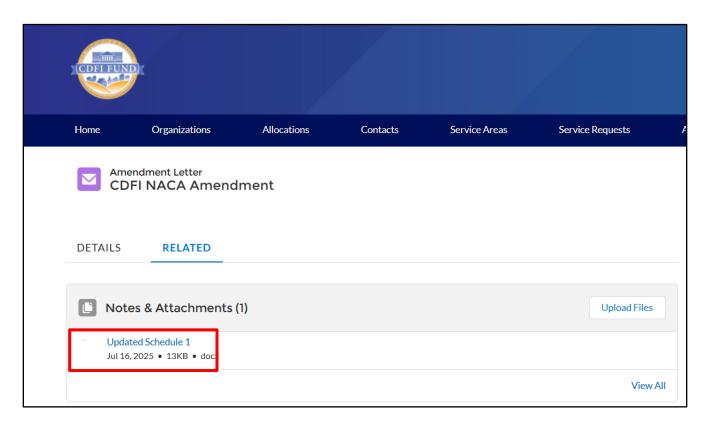
#### 4. Review the Letter



5. To review the updated Schedule 1, select "Related"

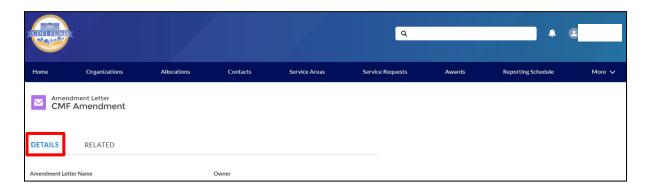


6. Locate the "Notes and Attachments" section. Select the Updated Schedule 1 attachment to open in viewer



7. Review attachment. If you have any questions regarding the content of the Amendment Letter or the revised Schedule 1, reach out to CDFI Fund staff via the Service Request associated with the Amendment, **BEFORE** signing. If you have no questions, proceed to the next step.

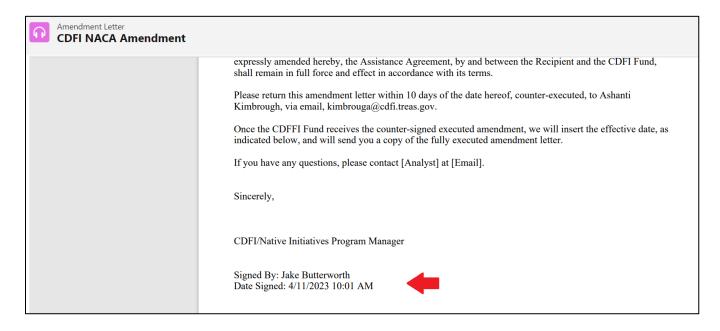
8. Return to the Amendment Letter by clicking on the "Details" tab and scrolling down to the letter.



9. Locate the Sign Letter button at the bottom of the Amendment Letter Details tab. Click "Sign Letter – PM/Authorized Representative Only" button to digitally sign

Sign Letter - PM/Authorized Representative Only

10. Confirm your signature has been added to letter



#### Notification of Completion

After signature, the amendment will return to the CDFI Fund for the Program Manager signature and placement of the Effective Date of the Agreement. Once these steps have been complete and the CDFI Fund implements the AMIS changes, the Authorized Representative will receive an AMIS-generated email with a subject that includes, "CDFI Fund Amendment Request Completed" notifying of successful implementation, with the fully executed Amendment Letter and Updated Schedule 1 attached to the email. No further action is required.