

FY 2026 BEA Program Glossary

The following terms and definitions are provided for reference.

Term	Definition
Act	Act, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994, as amended (12 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.)
Affiliate	Affiliate means any company or entity that Controls, is Controlled by, or is under common Control with another company, as defined in 12 CFR 1805.104.
Affordable Housing Development Loan	Affordable Housing Development Loan, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means the origination of a loan to finance the acquisition, construction, and/or development of single- or multifamily residential real property that meets the following income requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) For multi-family properties, at least 60 percent of the units must be affordable to Eligible Residents who meet Low- and Moderate-Income requirements. b) For single-family homes, the property must be affordable to an Eligible Resident who meets Low- and Moderate-Income requirements.
Affordable Housing Loan	Affordable Housing Loan, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means the origination of a loan to finance the purchase or improvement of the borrower’s primary residence, and that is secured by such property, where such borrower is an Eligible Resident who meets Low- and Moderate-Income requirements. Affordable Housing Loan may also refer to second (or otherwise subordinated) liens or “soft second” mortgages and other similar types of down payment assistance loans, but may not necessarily be secured by such property originated for the purpose of facilitating the purchase or improvement of the borrower’s primary residence, where such borrower is an Eligible Resident who meets Low- and Moderate-Income requirements.
AMIS	AMIS means the Awards Management Information System, which is administered by the CDFI Fund.
AMIS Account	AMIS Account means an account established through the CDFI Fund’s Awards Management Information System (AMIS) portal, through which the Recipient and the CDFI Fund will communicate.
Application	Application means the BEA Program Application submitted pursuant to 12 CFR 1806.405, including but not limited to any written or verbal information in connection therewith, and any worksheets, certifications, appendices, attachments and supplements thereto, submitted by the Recipient to the CDFI Fund, in response to the applicable NOFA inviting Applications for the BEA Program Award published in the Federal Register.
Applicant	Applicant, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means any insured depository institution (as defined in section 3(c)(2) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813) that is applying for a Bank Enterprise Award.

Appropriate Federal Banking Agency	Appropriate Federal Banking Agency, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, has the same meaning as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
Assessment Period	Assessment Period, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means an annual or semi-annual period specified in the applicable NOFA in which an Applicant will carry out, or has carried out, Qualified Activities.
Authorized BEA Program Activities	Authorized BEA Program Activities means the activities described in the Award Agreement.
Authorized Representative	Authorized Representative means an employee or an officer of the Applicant organization that has the authority to legally bind and make representations on behalf of the Applicant; consultants working on behalf of the Applicant cannot be designated as Authorized Representatives. Authorized Representatives for an organization must be designated as Authorized Representatives in AMIS.
Award Agreement	Award Agreement, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means a formal agreement between the CDFI Fund and a Recipient pursuant to the terms and conditions in § 1806.500, including any schedules and attachments thereto, as amended.
Bank Enterprise Award (or BEA Program Award)	Bank Enterprise Award means an award provided by the CDFI Fund to the Recipient pursuant to the Award Agreement as set forth in the BEA Program Regulations.
Bank Enterprise Award Program (or BEA Program)	Bank Enterprise Award Program (or BEA Program) means the program authorized by section 114 of the Act and implemented under 12 CFR Part 1806.
Bank Enterprise Award Program Regulations	BEA Program Regulations means the regulations codified at 12 CFR Part 1806, as amended.
Baseline Period	Baseline Period, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means an annual or a semi-annual period specified in the applicable NOFA, in which an Applicant has previously carried out Qualified Activities.
Business Type	For Commercial Real Estate and Small Business Loan transactions, the business type being financed must be identified. Examples of business types include: hotel, grocery store, retail real estate development (i.e. development where not all tenants are identified).
CDFI Equity	Subcategory of CDFI Related Activities which includes the following components: (1) Equity Investments, (2) Equity-Like Loans, and (3) Grants. See <i>Equity Investments and Equity-Like Loans</i> definitions of this Glossary for more information.
CDFI Partner	CDFI Partner, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means a CDFI that has been provided assistance in the form of CDFI Related Activities by an unaffiliated Applicant.
CDFI Program	Community Development Financial Institutions Program (or CDFI Program) means the program authorized by Sections 105-108 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 4704-4707) implemented under 12 CFR Part 1805.
CDFI Related Activities	CDFI Related activities, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means Equity Investments, Equity-Like Loans and CDFI Support Activities.

CDFI Support Activities	CDFI Support Activities, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means assistance provided by an Applicant or its Subsidiary to a CDFI that meets criteria set forth by the CDFI Fund in the applicable NOFA and that is Integrally Involved in a Distressed Community, in the form of the origination of a loan, Technical Assistance, or deposits, as further specified in the applicable NOFA.
Certificate of Deposit	A Certificate of Deposit (CD) is a type of a CDFI Support Activity, placed by an Applicant or its Subsidiary in a CDFI Partner that is a bank, thrift, or credit union. A CD must be: (i) uninsured and committed for at least three years; or (ii) insured, committed for a term of at least three years, and provided at an interest rate that is materially below market rates, in the determination of the CDFI Fund.
Closing	Closing means any proper execution and delivery of the Award Agreement and any other documents connected therewith and/or any Payment of the Award by electronic funds transfer to an account designated by the Recipient, as described in the Award Agreement.
Commercial Loans and Investments	Commercial Loans and Investments, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means the following lending activity types: Affordable Housing Development Loans and related Project Investments; Small Business Loans and related Project Investments; and Commercial Real Estate Loans and related Project Investments.
Commercial Real Estate Loan	Commercial Real Estate Loan, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means an origination of a loan (other than an Affordable Housing Development Loan or Affordable Housing Loan) that is secured by real estate and used to finance the acquisition or rehabilitation of a building in a Distressed Community, or the acquisition, construction and or development of property in a Distressed Community, used for commercial purposes.
Community Development Financial Institution	Community Development Financial Institution (or CDFI), as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means an entity that has been certified as a CDFI by the CDFI Fund as of the date specified in the applicable NOFA.
Community Development Financial Institutions Fund	Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (or CDFI Fund), as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund established pursuant to section 104(a)(12 U.S.C. 4703(a)) of the Act.
Community Services	Community Services, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means the following forms of assistance provided by officers, employees or agents (contractual or otherwise) of the Applicant: (1) Provision of Technical Assistance and financial education to Eligible Residents regarding managing their personal finances; (2) Provision of Technical Assistance and consulting services to newly formed small businesses and nonprofit organizations located in the Distressed Community; (3) Provision of Technical Assistance and financial education to, or servicing the loans of, homeowners who are Eligible Residents and meet Low- and Moderate-Income requirements; and (4) Other services provided to Eligible Residents who meet Low- and Moderate-Income requirements or enterprises that are Integrally Involved in a Distressed Community, as

	deemed appropriate by the CDFI Fund, and other comparable services as may be specified by the CDFI Fund in the applicable NOFA.
Consumer Loans	Consumer Loans, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means the following lending activity types: Affordable Housing Loans; Education Loans; Home Improvement Loans; and Small Dollar Consumer Loans.
Control	Control means: (1) Ownership, control, or power to vote 25 percent or more of the outstanding shares of any class of Voting Securities of any company, directly or indirectly or acting through one or more other persons; (2) Control in any manner over the election of a majority of the directors, trustees, or general partners (or individuals exercising similar functions) of any company; or (3) The power to exercise, directly or indirectly, a controlling influence over the management, credit or investment decisions, or policies of any company.
Depository Institution Holding Company	Depository Institution Holding Company has the meaning provided in Section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, the pertinent provisions of which are codified at 12 U.S.C. § 1813(w)(1).
Deposit Liabilities	Deposit Liabilities, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means time or savings deposits or demand deposits. Any such deposit must be accepted from Eligible Residents at the offices of the Applicant or of the Subsidiary of the Applicant and located in the Distressed Community. Deposit Liabilities may only include deposits held by individuals in transaction accounts (e.g., demand deposits, negotiable order of withdrawal accounts, automated transfer service accounts, and telephone or preauthorized transfer accounts) or non-transaction accounts (e.g., money market deposit accounts, other savings deposits, and all time deposits), as defined by the Appropriate Federal Banking Agency.
Direct Administrative Expenses	Direct Administrative Expenses means Award funds disbursed by the Recipient to carry out the Recipient’s BEA Program Activities.
Development Service Activities	Development Service Activities, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means activities that promote community development and are integral to the Applicant’s provision of financial products and Financial Services. Such services shall prepare or assist current or potential borrowers or investees to utilize the financial products or Financial Services of the Applicant. Development Service Activities include financial or credit counseling to individuals for the purpose of facilitating home ownership, promoting self-employment, or enhancing consumer financial management skills; or technical assistance to borrowers or investees for the purpose of enhancing business planning, marketing, management, financial management skills, and other comparable services as may be specified by the CDFI Fund in the applicable NOFA.
Distressed Community	A Distressed Community, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means a geographically defined community that meets the minimum area eligibility requirements specified in § 1806.401 and such additional criteria as may be set forth in the applicable NOFA.
Distressed Community Financing Activities	Distressed Community Financing Activities, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means: (1) Consumer Loans; or (2) Commercial Loans and Investments.

Education Loan	An Education Loan, as defined in 12 CFR 180.103, means an advance of funds to a student who is an Eligible Resident who meets Low- and Moderate-Income requirements for the purpose of financing a college or vocational education.
Electronic Transfer Account (or ETA)	Electronic Transfer Account (or ETA), as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means an account that meets the following requirements, and with respect to which the Applicant has satisfied the requirements: (1) Be an individually owned account at a Federally insured financial institution; (2) Be available to any individual who receives a Federal benefit, wage, salary, or retirement payment; (3) Accept electronic Federal benefit, wage, salary, and retirement payments and such other deposits as a financial institution agrees to permit; (4) Be subject to a maximum price of \$3.00 per month; (5) Have a minimum of four cash withdrawals and four balance inquiries per month, to be included in the monthly fee, through: (i) The financial institution’s proprietary (on-us) automated teller machines (ATMs); (ii) Over-the-counter transactions at the main office or a branch of the financial institution; or (iii) Any combination of on-us ATM access and over-the-counter access at the option of the financial institution; (6) Provide the same consumer protections that are available to other account holders at the financial institution, including, for accounts that provide electronic access, Regulation E (12 CFR part 205) protections regarding disclosure, limitations on liability, procedures for reporting lost or stolen cards, and procedures for error resolution; (7) For financial institutions that are members of an on-line point-of-sale (POS) network, allow on-line POS purchases, cash withdrawals, and cash back with purchases at no additional charge by the financial institution offering the ETA; (8) Require no minimum balance, except as required by Federal or State law; (9) At the option of the financial institution, be either an interest-bearing or a non-interest-bearing account; and (10) Provide a monthly statement.
Eligible Activities	Eligible Activities, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means CDFI Related Activities, Distressed Community Financing Activities, and Service Activities, and as further described in the applicable NOFA and the Award Agreement.
Eligible Resident	Eligible Resident, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means an individual who resides in a Distressed Community.
Equity Investment	Equity Investment, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means financial assistance provided by an Applicant or its Subsidiary to a CDFI, which CDFI meets such criteria as set forth in the applicable NOFA, in the form of a grant, a stock purchase, a purchase of a partnership interest, a purchase of a limited liability company membership interest, or any other investment deemed to be an Equity Investment by the CDFI Fund.
Equity-Like Loan	Equity-Like Loan, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means a loan provided by an Applicant or its Subsidiary to a CDFI, and made on such terms that it has characteristics of an Equity Investment that meets such criteria as set forth in the applicable NOFA.

Federal Award Date	Federal Award Date means the date that the Award Agreement is signed by and determined to be effective by the CDFI Fund. The Federal Award Date is inserted by the CDFI Fund on the signature page of the Award Agreement.
Financial Services	Financial Services, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means check cashing, providing money orders and certified checks, automated teller machines, safe deposit boxes, new branches, and other comparable services as may be specified by the CDFI Fund in the applicable NOFA, that are provided by the Applicant to Eligible Residents or enterprises that are Integrally Involved in the Distressed Community.
Geographic Units	Geographic Units, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means counties (or equivalent areas), incorporated places, minor civil divisions that are units of local government, census tracts, block numbering areas, block groups, and Indian Areas or Native American Areas (as each is defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census), or other areas deemed appropriate by the CDFI Fund.
Home Improvement Loan	A Home Improvement Loan, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means an advance of funds, either unsecured or secured by a one-to-four family residential property, the proceeds of which are used to improve the borrower's primary residence, where such borrower is an Eligible Resident who meets Low- and Moderate-Income requirements.
Indian Reservation	An Indian Reservation, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means a geographic area that meets the requirements of section 4(10) of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 1903(10)), and shall include land held by incorporated Native groups, regional corporations, and village corporations, as defined in and pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), public domain Indian allotments, and former Indian Reservations in the State of Oklahoma.
Initial Payment	Initial Payment means the first Payment made to a Recipient for its Award, representing either a portion of, or the entire, Award amount.
Individual Development Account	Individual Development Account (or IDA), as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means a special savings account that matches the deposits of Eligible Residents who meet Low- and Moderate-Income requirements individuals and that enables such individuals to save money for a particular financial goal including, but not limited to, and as determined by the CDFI Fund: buying a home, paying for post-secondary education, or starting or expanding a small business.
Insured Depository Institution	Insured Depository Institution, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means any bank or thrift, the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
Integrally Involved	Integrally Involved, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means, for a CDFI Partner, having provided or transacted the percentage of financial transactions or dollars (i.e., loans or Equity Investments), or Development Service Activities, in the Distressed Community identified by the Applicant or the CDFI Partner, as applicable, or having attained the percentage of market share for a particular product in a Distressed Community, set forth in the applicable NOFA.

Low- and Moderate-Income or Low- and Moderate-Income Requirements	Low- and Moderate-Income or Low- and Moderate-Income requirements, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means borrower income that does not exceed 80 percent of the median income of the area involved, according to the U.S. Census Bureau data, set forth in the Applicable NOFA.
Materially Below Market Interest Rates or Materially Below Market Rates	“Materially below market interest rates” or “materially below market rates” means a dividend rate that does not exceed the Daily Treasury Par Yield Curve Rates available on the Treasury’s Interest Rate Statistics webpage.
Material Event	Material Event means an occurrence that affects the Recipient’s strategic direction, mission, or business operation and, thereby, its status as an Insured Depository Institution and/or its compliance with the terms and conditions described in the applicable Award Agreement.
Material Weakness	Material Weakness shall have the same meaning ascribed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, meaning a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected.
Metropolitan Area	Metropolitan Area, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means an area designated as such (as of the date of the BEA Program application) by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3504(e)(3), 31 U.S.C. 1104(d), and Executive Order 10253 (3 CFR, 1949–1953 Comp., p. 758), as amended.
New Origination	New Origination, as used in the Application, means 100% of a new loan financed during the Assessment Period, with no prior obligations to the borrower related to this same purpose or nature.
Notice of Funding Availability	Notice of Funding Availability (or NOFA), as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means the public notice of funding opportunity that announces the availability of BEA Program Award funds for a particular funding round and that advises prospective Applicants with respect to obtaining application materials, establishes application submission deadlines, and establishes other requirements or restrictions applicable for the particular funding round.
Payment	Payment means a transfer of Award proceeds from the CDFI Fund to the Recipient pursuant to the applicable Award Agreement.
Performance Goals	Performance Goals means the performance goal(s) and measures as described in the applicable Award Agreement.
Period of Performance	Period of Performance means the period beginning with the Federal Award Date and ending on the Performance Period End Date specified in the applicable Award Agreement.
Persistent Poverty County (PPC)	Persistent Poverty County or “PPC” means any county that has had 20 percent or more of its population living in poverty over the past 30 years, as measured by data available from the American Community Survey from the Census Bureau, or any other territory or possession of the United States that has had 20 percent or more of its population living in poverty over the past 30 years, as measured by the Island Areas

	Decennial Censuses, or equivalent data, of the Bureau of the Census and published by the CDFI Fund.
Personally Identifiable Information	Personally Identifiable Information (PII) means information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual’s identity, either alone, or when combined with other information. PII is information, which if lost, compromised, or disclosed without authorization, could result in substantial harm, embarrassment, inconvenience, or unfairness to an individual.
Priority Factor	Priority Factor, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means a numeric value assigned to the following, as established by the CDFI Fund in the applicable NOFA: (1) Each subcategory within the Distressed Community Financing Activities category of Qualified Activities; or (2) Each activity-type within the Service Activities and CDFI Related Activities categories of Qualified Activities. A priority factor represents the CDFI Fund’s assessment of the degree of difficulty, the extent of innovation, and the extent of benefits accruing to the Distressed Community for each type of activity.
Program Income	Program Income means gross income earned by the Recipient as defined in the Uniform Requirements.
Project Investment	Project Investment, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means providing financial assistance in the form of a purchase of stock, limited partnership interest, other ownership instrument, or a grant to an entity that is Integrally Involved in a Distressed Community and formed for the sole purpose of engaging in a project or activity (approved by the CDFI Fund), including Affordable Housing Development Loans, Affordable Housing Loans, Commercial Real Estate Loans, and Small Business Loans.
Qualified Activities	Qualified Activities, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means CDFI Related Activities, Distressed Community Financing Activities, and Service Activities.
Recipient	Recipient, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means an Applicant that receives a BEA Program Award pursuant to the applicable NOFA, the BEA Regulations, and the applicable Award Agreement.
Renewal	Renewal, as used in the Application, means loan that has matured (or was retired) and was restructured by the Applicant during the Assessment Period, using the entire loan balance amount.
Refinance-Applicant	Refinance-Applicant, as used in the Application, means a loan refinanced by an Applicant that also increases the principal amount of the loan.
Refinance-Unaffiliated	Refinance-Unaffiliated, as used in the Application, means a loan refinanced by the Applicant by an unaffiliated institution.
Service Activities	Service Activities, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means the following activities: Deposit Liabilities; Financial Services; Community Services; Targeted Financial Services; and Targeted Retail Savings/Investment Products.

Small Business Loan	Small Business Loan, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means an origination of a loan used for commercial or industrial activities (other than an Affordable Housing Loan, Affordable Housing Development Loan, Commercial Real Estate Loan, Home Improvement Loan) to a business or farm that meets the size eligibility standards of the Small Business Administration's Development Company or Small Business Investment Company programs (13 CFR 121.301) and is located in a Distressed Community.
Small Dollar Consumer Loan	Small Dollar Consumer Loan, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means affordable consumer lending products that serve as available alternatives in the marketplace for individuals who are Eligible Residents who meet Low- and Moderate-Income requirements and meet criteria further specified in the applicable NOFA.
State	State, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.
Subsidiary	Subsidiary, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, has the same meaning as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, except that a CDFI shall not be considered a Subsidiary of any Insured Depository Institution or any depository institution holding company that controls less than 25 percent of any class of the voting shares of such corporation and does not otherwise control, in any manner, the election of a majority of directors of the corporation.
Targeted Financial Services	Targeted Financial Services, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means ETAs, IDAs, and such other banking products targeted to Eligible Residents, as may be specified by the CDFI Fund in the applicable NOFA.
Targeted Retail Savings/Investment Products	Targeted Retail Savings/Investment Products, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means certificates of deposit, mutual funds, life insurance, and other similar savings or investment vehicles targeted to Eligible Residents, as may be specified by the CDFI Fund in the applicable NOFA.
Technical Assistance	Technical Assistance, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means the provision of consulting services, resources, training, and other nonmonetary support relating to an organization, individual, or operation of a trade or business, as may be specified by the CDFI Fund in the applicable NOFA.
Uniform Requirements	Uniform Requirements means the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR Part 1000), which is the Department of the Treasury's codification of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) government-wide framework for grants management at 2 CFR Part 200.
Unit of General Local Government	Unit of General Local Government, as defined in 12 CFR 1806.103, means any city, county town, township, parish, village, or other general-purpose political subdivision of a State or Commonwealth of the United States, or general-purpose subdivision thereof, and the District of Columbia.

Youth Transaction Account	Youth Transaction Account means a deposit account held in an Insured Depository Institution opened by or for one or more minor children of an Eligible Resident, and which may be linked to a financial education program.
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