



The Community Development Sector's Key Players

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs)

Key Funder/Certifying Organization:

The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund), U.S. Treasury, Washington, DC

The CDFI Fund's mission is to increase economic opportunity and promote community development investments for underserved populations and in distressed communities in the United States. By offering tailored resources and innovative programs that invest federal dollars alongside private sector capital, the CDFI Fund serves mission-driven financial institutions that take a market-based approach to supporting economically disadvantaged communities. These mission-driven organizations are encouraged to apply for CDFI Certification and participate in CDFI Fund programs that inject new sources of capital into neighborhoods that lack access to financing. <https://www.cdfifund.gov/>

Trade Association:

Opportunity Finance Network, (OFN), Philadelphia, PA

OFN's mission through 2025 is to lead CDFIs and their partners to ensure that low-income, low-wealth, and other disadvantaged people and communities have access to affordable, responsible financial products and services. <http://ofn.org/>

Leading National CDFIs:

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), New York, NY (headquarters)

LISC is a national community development support organization dedicated to helping community residents transform distressed neighborhoods into healthy and sustainable communities of choice and opportunity – good places to work, do business and raise children. <http://www.lisc.org/>

Nonprofit Finance Fund (NFF), New York, NY (headquarters)

NFF unlocks the potential of mission-driven organizations through tailored investments, strategic advice and accessible insights. <http://www.nonprofitfinancefund.org/>

Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF), San Francisco, CA (headquarters)

LIIF is dedicated to creating pathways of opportunity for low-income people and communities. Serving the poorest of the poor, LIIF is a steward for capital invested in community-building initiatives. <http://www.liifund.org/>

Enterprise Community Partners, Columbia, MD

Enterprise's mission is to create opportunity for low- and moderate-income people through affordable housing in diverse, thriving communities. <http://www.enterprisecommunity.com/>

Community Development Corporations (CDCs)

Trade Associations:

NeighborWorks, Washington, DC

NeighborWorks America creates opportunities for people to live in affordable homes, improve their lives and strengthen their communities. <http://www.neighborworks.org/>



National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations (NACEDA), Washington, DC

NACEDA's mission is to lead the community development field and its partners in shaping and influencing strategies that advance community prosperity. <http://www.naceda.org/>

Non-Profit Housing Developers/Community Quarterbacks

Trade Association:

Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future (SAHF), Washington, DC

SAHF and its members are committed to using “housing as a platform” to provide residents with opportunities to improve their lives and live independently and with dignity. <http://www.sahfnet.org/>

Selected Organizations:

National Church Residences, Columbus, OH

National Church Residences' mission is to provide quality housing and care at affordable prices in communities of caring persons. The mission is national in scope and originates from a Christian commitment of service to older adults, which began in 1961. <https://www.nationalchurchresidences.org/>

Mercy Housing, Denver, CO (headquarters)

Mercy Housing's mission is to create stable, vibrant and healthy communities by developing, financing and operating affordable, program-enriched housing for families, seniors and people with special needs who lack the economic resources to access quality, safe housing opportunities. <https://www.mercyhousing.org/>

Purpose Built Communities, Atlanta, GA

By partnering with a local lead organization that serves as the community quarterback, Purpose Built Communities helps create vibrant new communities where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. <http://purposebuiltcommunities.org/>

Resources:

Democracy Collaborative: <http://democracycollaborative.org/>

Investing in What Works for America's Communities: <http://www.whatworksforamerica.org/>

Opportunity Finance Network's CDFI Locator: <http://ofn.org/cdfi-locator>