

Call for Community and Economic Development Practitioners

The Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund is issuing a call for well-qualified personnel to serve as application Reviewers for the 2021 application round of the *CDFI Program and Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) Program*.

The CDFI Fund has contracted with Areeva/F2 Solutions (AF2) to recruit Reviewers. Recruitment will be conducted by AF2 on an ongoing basis beginning **March 5, 2021** until **March 26, 2021**.

General Candidate Qualifications:

The CDFI Fund and AF2 require Reviewers to have considerable expertise in the community and economic development finance sectors. Areas of expertise include:

Affordable housing

Small business

Microfinance

Commercial real estate financing

Financing of community-based organizations

Familiarity of depository institutions such as credit unions and banks

Pooling of community development loans for sale in secondary markets

Development service activities

In addition, qualitative skills are required, such as the ability to analyze large amounts of information and succinctly communicate findings, and the ability to quickly apply reliable guidance and feedback to analytical writing. Previous experience reviewing CDFI Program or NACA Program applications and/or prior Reviewer service for other CDFI Fund programs is preferred. Please note that individuals who are selected will be subject to a Conflict of Interest (COI) screening process. This process will occur after Reviewer selection and is a mandatory component of the selection process.

CDFI Program Overview:

Through the CDFI Program, the CDFI Fund invests in and builds the capacity of CDFIs to serve low-income individuals and communities lacking adequate access to affordable financial products and services. The CDFI Fund invests in certified CDFIs by awarding Financial Assistance to applicants who have demonstrated the financial and managerial capacity to provide financial products and services to a low-income target market and to leverage additional resources effectively. Through Technical Assistance Grants, the CDFI Fund enables certified CDFIs and emerging entities working toward certification to build their capacity as lending institutions.

NACA Program Overview:

In 2004, the CDFI Fund introduced the NACA Program, which was specifically designed to encourage the creation and strengthening of CDFIs that primarily serve Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities (Native Communities). Organizations funded serve a wide range of Native Communities, and reflect a diversity of institutions in various stages of development, from organizations in the early planning stages of creating a CDFI, to tribal entities working to certify an existing lending program, to established CDFIs in need of further assistance. The CDFI Fund awards both Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance awards under the NACA Program.

For more information about the CDFI and NACA programs, visit the CDFI Fund website, <https://www.cdfifund.gov/Pages/default.aspx>.

Period and Location of Service:

Application reviews are scheduled to begin in late May and continue through early July 2021. Reviewer training is scheduled to occur on or about early May 2021. Reviewers are required to have consistent high-speed internet access, as the reviews will be completed using a web-based review tool and can be accessed from the Reviewer's chosen remote location.

How to Apply:

If you are interested in applying, please send a brief email indicating your interest to: CDFIReview@F2Solutions.com.

Thank you in advance for your interest in serving as a Reviewer for this important program.