Call for Community and Economic Development Practitioners

The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) is issuing a call for highly qualified personnel to serve as application Reviewers for the ***Community Development Financial Institutions Program (CDFI Program) and Native American CDFI Assistance Program (NACA Program)*** 2024 funding round.

The CDFI Fund has contracted with Areeva Solutions and F2 Solutions (Areeva/F2) to recruit Reviewers. Recruitment will be conducted by Areeva/F2 until **December 15, 2023**.

General Candidate Qualifications:

The CDFI Fund and Areeva/F2 require Reviewers to have expertise in the community and economic development finance sectors. Areas of expertise include:

- Affordable housing
- Small business
- Program evaluation
- Business plan review
- Direct lending and underwriting
- Financial analysis of community-based organizations and community development corporations.
- Familiarity of depository institutions such as credit unions and banks

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-March 2024 and continue through mid-May 2024. Reviewer training is scheduled to occur in mid-March 2024. 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.