

MN CDFI COALITION FACT SHEET



For decades, Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) in Minnesota have been able to fill financing and opportunity gaps that the private sector deems too risky. CDFIs are mission-based lenders providing opportunities to small businesses and homeowners, primarily those who identify as Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), immigrants, women, people with disabilities and live in rural communities, at far greater rates than the private sector. As community-based and community-centered organizations, CDFIs provide innovative ways to build wealth and provide solutions to some of our State's most pressing challenges, such as homeownership disparities, lack of childcare options, healthcare inequities, and economic revitalization, to name a few.

Types of Community Investment



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CDFIs provide loans for small businesses and coops, technical assistance and training to start and grow businesses

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CDFIs provide loans for home ownership and repairs and affordable housing projects, and home ownership counseling



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CDFIs provide loans for community services and real estate projects for education, child care, health care, and other services

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CDFIs provide loans to consumers and financial literacy training and coaching



Several of the 40 CDFIs and other nonprofit lenders in Minnesota provide more than one kind of loan

CDFI Statewide Impact

12,074

Small businesses and microenterprises financed

13,438

Consumers receiving loans

5,655

Owner-occupied housing units created

26,131

Affordable rental housing units created

30,776

Education and childcare spots financed

196,558

Healthcare patients served

(cumulative data 2005-2021)

2024 Policy Priorities

MN CDFI Coalition 2023 Legislative Wins

- Homeownership Investments Grant Program
- First-Generation Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance Fund
- Community Wealth Building Grant Program
- Small Business Partnership Program

Priorities in 2024 for Minnesota CDFIs include implementing these programs to provide capital for small business, housing, and community vibrancy and wealth building across the state. CDFIs are also committed to good stewardship of these public and private funds.

Minnesota CDFIs are located in and provide services in communities across the state

Northern

- » Entrepreneur Fund
- » Leech Lake Financial Services
- » Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Duluth
- » Northland Foundation
- » Northwest Minnesota Foundation
- » One Roof Community Housing

Southern

- » Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation
- » Southwest Initiative Foundation

Central

- » Initiative Foundation
- » West Central Initiative

Twin Cities Metro

- » African Economic Development Solutions
- » Build Wealth Minnesota
- » Hmong American Partnership
- » LISC- Twin Cities
- » Metropolitan Economic Development Association
- » Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers
- » Mni Sota Fund
- » Neighborhood Development Alliance
- » Neighborhood Development Center
- » NeighborWorks Home Partners
- » NEON
- » TCHFH Lending, Inc. (Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity)
- » Sunrise Banks
- » WomenVenture

Statewide

- » African Development Center
- » Community Reinvestment Fund
- » CSH (Corporation for Supportive Housing)
- » First Children's Finance
- » Greater Minnesota Housing Fund
- » Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota
- » Housing Assistance Council
- » Indian Land Capital Company
- » Latino Economic Development Center
- » Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation (MMCDC)
- » Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation
- » Propel Nonprofits
- » Shared Capital Cooperative
- » The Sunlight Loan Fund
- » White Earth Investment Initiative

Some CDFIs cover additional areas outside what is listed.

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