



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 101

WHAT IS A CDFI?

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) are flexible, mission based lenders that deploy capital into the places that need it most. Certified by the U.S Department of the Treasury, CDFIs must have a primary mission of providing community development and financial services to underserved communities. They are vital in financing the creation of affordable housing, small businesses, and energy efficiency upgrades by providing flexible, low-cost loans to projects traditional lenders and government might not be the best fit for.

CDFI's fill funding gaps and leverage private capital and government subsidies to catalyze development. Focused on equity and sustainability, CDFIs support housing solutions for low-income families and vulnerable populations, driving economic development and strengthening communities.

PRODUCTS & SERVICES

- **Affordable Housing Lending**
 - Predevelopment Funds
 - Acquisition Funds
 - Bridge Loans
 - Constuction Loans
 - Permanent Financing
- **Downpayment Assistance**
- **Energy Efficiency Financing**
- **Small Business Lending**
- **New Developer Training**
- **Technical Assistance**
- **Housing Counseling Services**

WHY CDFIS?



Unlike traditional banks, CDFIs can offer **flexible financing terms** and engage in **unique partnerships** to move projects forward. CDFIs often work with one another to close funding gaps and bring a deal to the finish line.



CDFIs specialize in financing the **creation of housing not typically created** by government subsidy including: starter homes, small multifamily homes, and mixed use developments that **fit seamlessly into communities**.



CDFIs support **environmentally sustainable housing initiatives** by financing energy efficiency upgrades to existing housing, promoting green building practices in new developments.



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CDFIS IN CONNECTICUT

A group of Connecticut CDFIs have come together to form the **Connecticut Housing Finance and Development Roundtable**. Together, these organizations deploy millions of dollars in capital each year across the state.

Members Include:

- Capital for Change
- Grow America
- Hartford Community Loan Fund
- Housing Development Fund
- Leviticus Fund
- Local Initiatives Support Coalition (LISC)

For every

\$1

of public funding, CDFIs
leverage

\$8

in private investment.

STATE INVESTMENT

Connecticut's CDFIs have long served as a trusted state partner, administering and deploying state resources into diverse markets. CDFI's support and leverage funding from programs including the **CHFA Small Multifamily Loan Pool**, the **Housing Tax Credit Contribution Program**, and the **Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program**.

LOCAL IMPACT

Scan the QR code to see successful projects financed by the members of the **Connecticut Housing Finance and Development Roundtable**.

From revitalizing Main Streets to preserving naturally occurring affordable homes, Connecticut's CDFIs finance projects in rural towns, suburban neighborhoods, and urban centers alike. These projects highlight the ways CDFIs contribute to creating diverse housing stock in Connecticut.

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