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Our Mission: Helping Create Communities Where People Thrive

Chicago Community Loan Fund (CCLF) supports community development organizations throughout metropolitan Chicago, especially emerging, small and midsize community developers. We provide low-cost, flexible financing and hands-on technical assistance for affordable housing, social service and economic development initiatives that benefit low- to moderate-income neighborhoods and families.

What We Offer

Our loan products fit many situations, especially promising projects and clients that other financial institutions do not—or cannot—support. We have special core competencies in predevelopment lending, affordable cooperative financing, social enterprise financing, and environmentally friendly sustainable development. Our energy, patience and flexibility enable us to work with challenging, high-impact projects.

Community developers often have vision and determination, but need know-how. For both borrowers and non-borrowers, CCLF offers technical assistance workshops, customized consulting, referrals, and guidance to help them navigate the challenges of real estate development. Organizations increase their resources by working with us.

The Clients We Serve

Our clients are nonprofit and for-profit community developers and organizations engaged in affordable and supportive housing production and preservation, social service provision and economic development activities. Some are small and inexperienced. Others are established and experienced. All are mission-oriented, and our passion to improve their communities helps fuel their visions.

A Track Record of Growth and Sustainability

Founded by a group of visionary social-investment advocates, CCLF has supported community development organizations since 1991. Starting with an investment of only \$200,000, our capital under management now totals over \$25 million—and keeps growing. To date, CCLF has closed over \$41 million in financing that will leverage more than \$905 million in additional public and private sector capital for community development. This financing supports the production or preservation of more than 6,000 units of affordable and mixed-income housing, as well as supporting the creation or retention of 1,200 jobs and over 2.1 million square feet of community facility or commercial and retail space.

We are a cost-effective intermediary for social investment, maintaining a high level of self-sufficiency and low loan loss. Since 1992, CCLF has been an active member of the Opportunity Finance Network, the leading network of private financial intermediaries. CCLF manages its investors' capital according to stringent guidelines established by the Opportunity Finance Network. CCLF is a federally certified community development financial institution (CDFI) and is rated by CARST[™], the CDFI Assessment and Rating System, a comprehensive, third-party analysis that provides guidance to investors and donors.

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