of funding opportunity.

2013 Funding Round of the NACA

Assistance (TA) grants through the FY

Assistance (FA) awards or Technical

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

Funding Opportunity Title: Notice of

Funds Availability (NOFA) inviting

Applications for the Community

Development Financial Institutions the

Native American CDFI Assistance

(NACA) Program FY 2013 funding

round (the FY 2013 Funding Round).

Announcement Type: Announcement of

funding opportunity.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

(CFDA) Number: 15.702,300.

Robert Dahl,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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Development Financial Institutions

(CDFI) Fund.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Award Requirements: Through the

NACA program, the CDFI Fund

provides FA awards and TA grants. FA

awards are made to Certified Native

CDFIs and certifiable Native CDFIs that

complete and submit a NACA

Application (Application) and meet the

FA requirements set forth in this NOFA,

subject to funding availability. The CDFI

Fund requires that in order for an

Applicant to be eligible for an award

under this NOFA, they must be a newly

Certified CDFI (certified within the last

three calendar years) or recertified in FY

2013. (For further information, please

see Section III.A.2 of this NOFA.)

TA grants are made to Certified Native

CDFIs, Certifiable Native CDFIs,

emerging Native CDFIs, and Sponsoring

Entities that complete and submit the

Application and meet the eligibility

requirements set forth in this NOFA.

B. Program Regulations: The

regulations governing the NACA

program are found at 12 CFR Parts 1805

and 1815 (the Regulations) and provide

guidance on evaluation criteria and

other requirements. Details regarding

the Application content requirements

are found in the Application and related

materials. Each capitalized term in this

NOFA is more fully defined in this

NOFA, the Regulations, or the

Application. The CDFI Fund encourages

Applicants to review the Regulations in

addition to this NOFA.

C. Funding Discretion: The CDFI

Fund reserves the right to fund, in

whole or in part, any, all, or none of the

Applications submitted in response to

this NOFA. The CDFI Fund reserves the

right to reallocate funds from the

amount that is anticipated to be

available through this NOFA to other

CDFI Fund programs, particularly if the

CDFI Fund determines that the number of

awards made through this NOFA is

fewer than projected.

D. Coordination with Broader

Community Development Strategies:

Consistent with Federal efforts to

promote community revitalization, it is

important for communities to develop a

comprehensive neighborhood

revitalization strategy that addresses

neighborhood assets essential to

transforming distressed neighborhoods

into healthy and vibrant communities.

Neighborhood transformation can best

occur when comprehensive

neighborhood revitalization plans

embrace the coordinated use of

programs and resources that address the

interrelated needs within a community.

Although not a requirement for

participating in the CDFI Program, the

Federal government believes that a CDFI

will be most successful when it is part

of, and contributes to, an area’s broader

neighborhood revitalization strategy.

II. Award Information

A. Funding Availability

1. FY 2013 Funding Round: Subject to

funding availability, the CDFI Fund

expects to award, through this NOFA,

approximately $12 million in NACA

awards for FA and TA Applicants.

Furthermore, in FY 2012, Congress

mandated that at least ten percent of the

CDFI Program’s appropriations be

directed to counties that meet certain

criteria for “persistent poverty.” This

requirement continues under the

Current Continuing Resolution for FY

2013 appropriations. As a result, the

CDFI Fund invites Applicants to

indicate their level of participation in

counties of persistent poverty in their

FY 2013 applications. The CDFI Fund

reserves the right to award more or

less than the amounts cited above in the

FY 2013 Funding Round, based upon

available funding and other applicable

factors.

2. Availability of Funds for the FY

2013 Funding Round: Funds for the FY

2013 Funding Round have not yet been

appropriated. If funds are not

appropriated for the NACA program,

there will not be a NACA FY 2013

Funding Round. If funds are

appropriated, the amount of such funds

may be greater or less than the amounts

set forth above. If funds for the FY 2013

Funding Round for the NACA Program

are not appropriated, entities eligible to

apply under this NOFA are encouraged to

apply for CDFI Program funds

through the Community Development

Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program

NOFA, assuming they are eligible per

the applicable NOFA.

All awards made under this NOFA

must be used to support the Applicant’s

activities. Awards cannot be used to

support the activities of, or otherwise be

passed through, transferred, or co-

awarded to, third-party entities, whether

Affiliates, Subsidiaries, or others; with

the exception for Sponsoring Entities

who can use the funds to create and

support a separate legal entity that will

become a Certified Native CDFI. The

entity that is to carry out the

responsibilities of the award and deploy

the award funds (the Awardee) must be

the entity that applies for the award. In

cases where CDFI bank holding

company Applicants intend to deploy

their FA awards through their 100

percent wholly-owned CDFI subsidiary

bank, applications must be made at the
CFDI bank holding company level and reflect consolidated activities and financial performance. Authorized representatives of both the holding company and the bank will be required to certify that the information included in the Application represents that of the CDFI bank and that the award funds will be used to capitalize the CDFI bank for the activities outlined in the Application.

**B. Types of Awards**

An Applicant may submit an Application either for a FA award or a TA-award.

1. **FA Awards**

FA awards provide flexible financial support to CDFIs so they may achieve the strategies outlined in their Applications. FA awards can be used in the following five categories: (i) Financial Products; (ii) Financial Services; (iii) Development Services; (iv) Loan Loss Reserves; and/or (v) Capital Reserves. For purposes of this NOFA, the five categories mean:

**TABLE 1—FIVE CATEGORIES OF FA**

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<td>(i) Financial Products ..........</td>
<td>Loans, grants, equity investments, and similar financing activities, including the purchase of loans that the CDFI Fund deems appropriate (including administrative funds used to carry out Financial Products).</td>
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<td>(ii) Financial Services ..........</td>
<td>Checking and savings accounts, certified checks, automated teller machines services, deposit taking, remittances, safe deposit box services, and other similar services (including administrative funds used to carry out Financial Services).</td>
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<td>(iii) Development Services ......</td>
<td>Activities that promote community development and help the Applicant provide its Financial Products and Financial Services, including financial or credit counseling, housing and homeownership counseling (pre- and post-), self-employment technical assistance, entrepreneurship training, and financial management skill-building (including administrative funds used to carry out Development Services).</td>
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<td>(iv) Loan Loss Reserves ..........</td>
<td>Funds set aside in the form of cash reserves, or through accounting-based accrual reserves, to cover losses on loans, accounts, and notes receivable made in the Target Market, or for related purposes that the CDFI Fund deems appropriate (including administrative funds used to carry out Loan Loss Reserves).</td>
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<td>(v) Capital Reserves ............</td>
<td>Funds set aside as reserves to support the Applicant’s ability to leverage other capital, for such purposes as increasing its net assets or serving the financing needs of its Target Market, or for related purposes that the CDFI Fund deems appropriate (including administrative funds used to carry out Capital Reserves).</td>
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The CDFI Fund may provide FA awards in the form of equity investments (including secondary capital in the case of certain Insured Credit Unions), grants, loans, deposits, credit union shares, or any combination thereof. The CDFI Fund reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to provide a TA award in a form and amount other than that which the Applicant requests; however, the award amount will not exceed the Applicant’s request as stated in its Application and the applicable budget chart.

(b) For purposes of this NOFA, TA eligible uses are: (i) Personnel/salary; (ii) personnel/fringe; (iii) professional services; (iv) travel; (v) training; and (vi) equipment. (Please see the Application for details on TA uses.) TA grants must be used to support the Applicant’s capacity building activities.

**C. Assistance Agreement**

Each Awardee under this NOFA must sign an Assistance Agreement before the CDFI Fund will disburse award funds. The Assistance Agreement contains the Award’s terms and conditions. For further information, see Section VI.A of this NOFA.

**II. Types of Awards**

**A. Eligible Applicants**

The Regulations specify the eligibility requirements each Applicant must meet in order to be eligible to apply for assistance under this NOFA. A NACA Applicant may apply as either a FA applicant or a TA applicant, but not both. If an Applicant applies for both types of awards, it is in the sole discretion of the CDFI Fund to disqualify the Applicant from competing for either a FA award or a TA grant; or decide to give the Applicant either a FA award or a TA grant.

1. **FA and TA Applicant Categories**

FA Applicants must meet the criteria listed in Table 2.

**TABLE 2—NACA APPLICANT CRITERIA**

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<th>Applicant type</th>
<th>Criteria of applicant</th>
<th>Maximum award</th>
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<td>FA ............</td>
<td>A Certified/Certifiable Native CDFI that meets all other eligibility requirements described in this NOFA.</td>
<td>Up to and including $750,000 in FA funds.</td>
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<tr>
<td>TA ............</td>
<td>A Certified Native CDFI, a Certifiable Native CDFI, an Emerging Native CDFI, or a Sponsoring Entity.</td>
<td>Up to $150,000 for capacity-building activities.</td>
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2. CDFI Certification Requirements

In FY 2013, the CDFI Fund requires that in order for an Applicant to be eligible for an award under this NOFA, they must be a newly Certified CDFI (certified within the last three calendar years) or recertified in FY 2013. Early in Calendar Year 2013, the CDFI Fund will announce a new process for submitting
applications for CDFI certification, including the date by which any Certifiable CDFI or Certified CDFI must submit its application for certification/recertification in order for a determination on that application to be made concurrent with the announcement of awards under this NOFA. Until such time that a determination on a recertification application from a current Certified CDFI is made, the Certified CDFI’s existing certification remains in effect, unless the Certified CDFI has taken actions demonstrating that it has failed to preserve and keep in full force and effect its certification as a CDFI.

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<td>(a) Certified Native CDFI</td>
<td>An entity that the CDFI Fund has officially notified that it meets all CDFI certification requirements as of the date of this NOFA. An entity that the CDFI Fund has officially notified that it meets all CDFI certification requirements as of the date of this NOFA and continues to meet certification requirements throughout the NOFA application process, leading to the announcement of awards under this NOFA.</td>
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<td>(b) Certifiable Native CDFI</td>
<td>An entity that has submitted a CDFI Certification application to the CDFI Fund demonstrating that it meets the CDFI certification requirements but for which the CDFI Fund has not yet officially certified the entity. If the CDFI Fund is unable to certify an Applicant and the Applicant is selected for a FA award, the CDFI Fund may, in its sole discretion, terminate the award commitment. The CDFI Fund will not enter into an Assistance Agreement or disburse FA award funds unless and until an Applicant is certified. A Certifiable CDFI Applicant must have submitted a CDFI Certification application as of the date indicated in Section IV.F of this NOFA to be eligible for FA in the FY 2013 round.</td>
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<td>(c) Emerging Native CDFI</td>
<td>An entity that demonstrates to the CDFI Fund it has an acceptable plan to meet certification requirements by December 31, 2014, or another date selected by the CDFI Fund. Emerging CDFIs may only apply for TA grants; they are not eligible to apply for FA awards. Each Emerging CDFI selected to receive a TA grant will be required, pursuant to its Assistance Agreement with the CDFI Fund, to become certified as a CDFI by a specified date.</td>
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<td>(d) Sponsoring Entities</td>
<td>An entity that proposes to create a separate legal entity that will become a Certified Native CDFI. Sponsoring Entities include: (a) a Tribe, Tribal entity, Alaska Native Village, Village Corporation, Regional Corporation, Non-Profit Regional Corporation/Association, or Inter-Tribal or Inter-Village organization; or (b) an organization whose primary mission is to serve a Native Community including, but not limited to, an Urban Indian Center, Tribally Controlled Community College, community development corporation (CDC), training or education organization, or Chamber of Commerce, and that primarily serves a Native Community (meaning, at least 50 percent of its activities are directed toward the Native Community). Sponsoring Entities may only apply for TA grants; they are not eligible to apply for FA awards. Sponsoring entities that are selected to receive a TA grant will be required, pursuant to their Assistance Agreements with the CDFI Fund, to create a legal entity by a certain date that will, in turn, seek Native CDFI certification and to transfer remaining award funds to that Native CDFI upon certification.</td>
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<td>(e) Other Targeted Populations as Target Markets.</td>
<td>An Other Targeted Population is defined as an identifiable group of individuals in the Applicant’s Service Area for which there exists strong evidence that they lack access to loans, equity investments, and/or financial Services. The CDFI Fund has determined there is strong evidence that the following groups of individuals lack access to such products and services on a national level or within their recognized ancestral areas: (i) Native Americans or American Indians, including Alaska Natives living in Alaska; (ii) Blacks or African Americans; (iii) Hispanics or Latinos; (iv) Native Hawaiians living in Hawaii; and (v) other Pacific Islanders living in other Pacific Islands. To define these populations for the purposes of this NOFA, the CDFI Fund uses the following definitions, set forth in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Notice, Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity (October 30, 1997), as amended and supplemented: (a) American Indian, Native American, or Alaska Native: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment; (b) Black or African American: a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa (terms such as Haitian or Negro can be used in addition to Black or African American); (c) Hispanic or Latino: a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race (the term Spanish origin can be used in addition to Hispanic or Latino); (d) Native Hawaiian (living in Hawaii): a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii; and (e) Other Pacific Islander (living in other Pacific Islands): a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.</td>
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3. Limitation on Awards

An Applicant may receive only one award through this FY 2013 NOFA, and only one award through the FY 2013 CDFI Program Funding Round or the FY 2013 NACA Program Funding Round. Although eligible Applicants can apply for the CDFI Program and the NACA Program, they will receive only one FY 2013 award.

B. Prior Awardees

For purposes of this section, the CDFI Fund will consider an Affiliate to be any entity that meets the definition of Affiliate in the Regulations or any entity otherwise identified as an Affiliate by the Applicant in its Application and/or its myCDFIFund account. Prior awardees should note the following:

1. $5 Million Funding Cap

The CDFI Fund is currently prohibited from obligating more than $5 million in CDFI Program and NACA Program awards, in the aggregate, to any one organization and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates during any three-year period. In general, the three-year period calculated for the cap extends back three years from the Effective Date of the Assistance Agreement between the...
Awardee and the CDFI Fund. However, for purposes of this NOFA, because the funding cap was waived for FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011, the CDFI Fund will include awards in the cap calculation that were provided to an Applicant (or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates) beginning with the FY 2012 Funding Round. The CDFI Fund will assess the $5 million funding cap applicability during the award selection phase.

Please see the following table for other prior Awardee requirements and considerations:

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Undisbursed awards cannot exceed five percent of the total includable awards for the Applicant’s BEA/CFI/NACA awards, as of this NOFA’s Application deadline. (The total “includable” award amount is the total award amount from the relevant CDFI Fund program.) Please refer to an example of this calculation on the CDFI Fund’s Web site, found in the Q&A document for the FY 2013 Funding Round. The “undisbursed award funds” calculation does not include: (i) Tax credit allocation authority made available through the NMTTC Program; (ii) award funds that the Awardee has requested from the CDFI Fund by submitting a full and complete disbursement request before this NOFA’s Application deadline; (iii) award funds for an award that the CDFI Fund has terminated or de-obligated; or (iv) award funds for an award that does not have a fully executed assistance or award agreement.

2. Contact the CDFI Fund

Applicants that are prior CDFI Fund Awardees are advised to: (i) Comply with requirements specified in assistance, allocation, and/or award agreement(s), and (ii) contact the CDFI Fund at least 10 business days prior this NOFA’s Applications deadline to ensure necessary actions are underway for the disbursement or de-obligation of any prior outstanding award balance(s) as referenced above.

C. Matching Funds

1. Matching Funds Requirements in General

In FY 2012, the CDFI Fund’s Congressional appropriations waived the matching funds requirement for NACA Applicants. Consequently, the matching funds requirement for FA Applicants remains under the current Continuing Resolution for FY 2013 appropriations but has been waived for NACA FA Applicants. If matching funds are not waived in the final appropriation, matching funds will be required for NACA FA Applicants and must be comparable in form and value to the FA award. However, NACA Applicants are not required to submit matching funds documentation with their Application. In the event that matching funds are required, NACA FA Applicants will be given the opportunity to submit matching funds documentation at a later time.

If matching funds are not waived, NACA FA Applicants must obtain non-Federal matching funds, on the basis of not less than one dollar for each dollar of FA funds the CDFI Fund provides. This requirement pertains to FA Applicants only; matching funds are not required for TA Applicants. This means that if an Applicant is requesting a FA award, the Applicant must show it has obtained matching funds through commitment(s) from non-Federal sources that are equal to the amount requested from the CDFI Fund. Applicants cannot use matching funds from a prior FA award under the NACA.
Program or under another federal grant or award program to satisfy the matching funds requirement of this NOFA. If an Applicant seeks to use matching funds from an organization that was a prior Awardee under the NACA, the CDFI Fund will deem such funds as Federal funds, unless the funding entity establishes and the CDFI Fund agrees, that such funds do not consist, in whole or in part, of NACA Program funds or other Federal funds. The CDFI Fund reserves the right to contact the matching funds source to discuss the matching funds and the documentation that the Applicant has provided. The CDFI Fund encourages Applicants to review the Regulations at 12 CFR § 1805.500 et seq. and matching funds guidance materials on the CDFI Fund’s Web site for further information. 2. In an event that the waiver is not provided, the CDFI Fund will not consider any NACA FA Applicant for an award that does not have matching funds in-hand or firmly committed as of this NOFA’s Application deadline. Specifically, NACA FA Applicants must meet the following matching funds requirements: (a) Certified and Certifiable Native CDFIs: A Certified or Certifiable Native CDFI Applicant must demonstrate that it has eligible matching funds equal to no less than 25 percent of the FA amount requested in-hand or firmly committed, on or after January 1, 2011, and on or before the Application deadline. The CDFI Fund reserves the right to rescind all or a portion of a FA award and re-allocate the rescinded award amount to other qualified Applicant(s), if an Applicant fails to obtain in-hand 100 percent of the required matching funds by January 15, 2014 (with required documentation of such receipt received by the CDFI Fund not later than January 31, 2014). The CDFI Fund may grant an extension of such matching funds deadline for specific Applicants selected to receive FA awards, if the CDFI Fund deems it appropriate. 3. Matching Funds Terms Defined; Required Documentation

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<td>Matching Funds “in-hand”</td>
<td>The Applicant has actually received disbursement of the matching funds and provides to the CDFI Fund acceptable written documentation, showing the source, form, and amount of the matching funds (i.e., grant, loan, deposit, and equity investment). Applicants must provide copies of the following documentation depending on the type of award being requested: (i) loans—the loan agreement and promissory note; (ii) grant—the grant letter or agreement for all grants of $50,000 or more; (iii) equity investment—the stock certificate and any related shareholder agreement. The Applicant must also provide acceptable documentation that demonstrates receipt of the matching funds, such as a copy of a check or a wire transfer statement.</td>
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<td>Matching Funds “firmly committed”</td>
<td>The Applicant has entered into or received a legally binding commitment from the matching funds source showing the match funds will be disbursed to the Applicant. The Applicant must also provide acceptable written documentation showing the source, form, and amount of the firm commitment (and, in the case of a loan, the terms thereof), as well as the anticipated disbursement date of the committed funds.</td>
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4. Ineligible Matching Funds

If the CDFI Fund determines that any portion of the Applicant’s matching funds is ineligible under this NOFA, the CDFI Fund, in its sole discretion, may permit the Applicant to offer alternate matching funds as a substitute for the ineligible matching funds. In such instances: (i) The Applicant must provide acceptable alternate matching funds documentation within two business days of the CDFI Fund’s request, and (ii) the alternate matching funds documentation will not increase the total amount of FA the Applicant requested.

5. Special Rule for Insured Credit Unions

The Regulations allow an Insured Credit Union to use retained earnings to serve as matching funds for a FA award in an amount equal to: (i) the increase in retained earnings that has occurred over the Applicant’s most recent fiscal year; (ii) the average annual of such increases that has occurred over the Applicant’s three most recent fiscal years; or (iii) the entire retained earnings that have been accumulated since the inception of the Applicant, as provided in the Regulations. For purposes of this NOFA, if option (iii) is used, the Applicant must increase its member and/or non-member shares or total loans outstanding by an amount equal to the amount of retained earnings committed as matching funds. This increase must occur by the end of the Awardee’s second performance period, as set forth in its Assistance Agreement, and will be based on amounts reported in the Applicant’s Audited or Reviewed Financial Statements or NCUA Form 5300 Call Report. The CDFI Fund will assess the likelihood of this increase during the Application review process. An award will not be made to any Applicant that has not demonstrated in the relevant Financial Statements or NCUA Call Report that it has increased shares or loans by at least 25 percent of the requested FA award amount between December 31, 2011, and December 31, 2012.

IV. Application and Submission Information

A. Application Submission

Under this NOFA, Applicants must submit Applications electronically through Grants.gov. The CDFI Fund will not accept Applications through myCDFIFund accounts nor will Applications be accepted via email, mail, facsimile, or other forms of communication, except in circumstances approved by the CDFI Fund beforehand. B. Grants.gov

In compliance with Public Law 106-107 and Section 5(a) of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act, the CDFI Fund is required to accept Applications submitted through the Grants.gov electronic system. The CDFI Fund strongly recommends Applicants start the registration process as soon as possible and visit www.grants.gov immediately. Applicants that have used Grants.gov in the past must verify that their registration is current and active. New applicants must properly register, which may take several weeks to complete. Pursuant to OMB guidance (68 Federal Register 38402), each Applicant must provide, as part of its Application submission, a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. In addition, each Application must include a valid and current Employer Identification Number.
Number (EIN). An electronic Application that does not include either a DUNS number or an EIN is incomplete and may not be transmitted to the CDFI Fund from Grants.gov. As a result, Applicants without a DUNS number or EIN should allow sufficient time for the IRS and/or Dun and Bradstreet to respond to inquiries and/or requests for identification numbers.

The CDFI Fund will not consider Applicants that fail to properly register in Grants.gov or to confirm they are properly registered and as a result, are unable to submit their Applications before the deadline. Applicants are reminded that the CDFI Fund does not maintain the Grants.gov registration or submittal process. Thus Applicants must contact Grants.gov directly for issues related to that aspect of the Application submission process. Please see the following link for information on getting started on Grants.gov http://grants.gov/applicants/organization_registration.jsp.

C. System for Award Management (SAM)

On July 30, 2012, the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) transitioned to the new System for Award Management, or SAM. All data in the registrant database has been migrated from CCR into SAM. Applicants that need to create a new account or update their current registration must register for a user account in SAM. Registering with SAM is required for organizations to use Grants.gov. The registration process may take several business days for Applicants that have an EIN. If an Applicant does not have an EIN, the Applicant should allow several weeks for obtaining one from the IRS. The CDFI Fund will not consider Applicants that fail to properly register in SAM or to confirm they are properly registered and as a result, are unable to submit their Applications before the deadline. The CDFI Fund does not maintain the SAM registration process. Thus, Applicants must contact SAM directly for issues related to registration. The CDFI Fund strongly encourages Applicants to ensure that their SAM registration is updated and that their accounts are not expired. For information regarding SAM registration, please visit https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM.

D. myCDFIFund Accounts

myCDFIFund is the CDFI Fund’s primary means of communication with Applicants. Every Applicant is responsible for ensuring its myCDFIFund account is up-to-date at all times. All Applicants must register as an organization and as a user with myCDFIFund before the Application deadline. An Applicant that fails to properly register and update its myCDFIFund accounts may miss important communications with the CDFI Fund that could impact its Application. For more information on myCDFIFund, please see the “Frequently Asked Questions” link posted at https://www.cdfifund.gov/myCDFIFundHelp/Help.asp.

E. Application Content Requirements

The Application and related documents can be found on the Grants.gov and the CDFI Fund’s Web sites. The CDFI Fund anticipates posting the Application and related documents to the CDFI Fund’s Web site on the same day that the NOFA is released or shortly thereafter. Once an Application is submitted to Grants.gov, the Applicant will not be allowed to change any element of the Application. The CDFI Fund, however, may contact the Applicant to clarify or confirm Application information.

F. Paperwork Reduction Act

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and an individual is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act, the NACA Program funding Application has been assigned the following control number: 1559–0025.

G. Application Deadlines

Please see the following table for critical deadlines that are relevant to the FY 2013 Funding Round.

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<td>February 28, 2013</td>
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Table 6—FY 2013 Funding Round Application Critical Dates

1. Late Delivery

The CDFI Fund will not accept an Application or any portion of an Application that is submitted after the Application deadline. Applicants are responsible for submitting their Applications on time through Grants.gov. The CDFI Fund will not grant exceptions or waivers. Any Application that is deemed ineligible or rejected will not be returned to the Applicant.

H. Intergovernmental Review

Not applicable.

I. Funding Restrictions

For allowable uses of FA proceeds, please see the Regulations at 12 CFR 1805.301.

V. Application Review Information

A. Format

Applicants must complete, and the CDFI Fund will only accept, the Application as provided in Grants.gov and the CDFI Fund’s Web site. The FY 2013 Application is a fillable electronic PDF form, with pre-set text limits and font size restrictions. Applicants must submit their narrative responses by using the FY 2013 CDFI Program Application narrative template document. This Word document should be submitted as an attachment to the PDF form. Applicants should not submit information that has not been specifically requested in this NOFA or the Application. Applicants should not submit documents such as strategic plans or market studies unless the CDFI Fund has specifically requested such documents in the Application.

B. Review and Selection Process

1. Eligibility and Completeness Review

The CDFI Fund will review each Application to determine whether it is complete and the Applicant meets the eligibility requirements described in Section III of this NOFA. An incomplete Application or one that does not meet eligibility requirements will be rejected.

2. Substantive Review

If the Applicant has submitted a complete and eligible Application, the CDFI Fund will conduct a substantive review in accordance with the criteria and procedures described in the Regulations, this NOFA, and the Application guidance. The CDFI Fund
3. Application Scoring and Award Selection (FA and TA Applicants)

(a) Application Scoring: The CDFI Fund will evaluate each Application on the criteria categories and the scoring scale described in the Application. An Applicant must receive a minimum score in each evaluation criteria in order to be considered for an award. The CDFI Fund will score each part as indicated in the following table:

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(b) Evaluating Prior Award Performance: The CDFI Fund will deduct points for any Applicant that is a prior Awardee or Allocatee of any CDFI Fund program if the Applicant: (i) is noncompliant with any award by failing to meet performance goals and measures, reporting deadlines, or other requirements set forth in the CDFI Fund’s assistance, allocation, or award agreement(s) for reports due during the Applicant’s two completed fiscal years prior to this NOFA’s Application deadline; and (ii) failed to make timely loan payments to the CDFI Fund during the Applicant’s two complete fiscal years prior to this NOFA’s Application deadline (if applicable). In addition, the CDFI Fund will deduct points if a FA Applicant had funds de-obligated for FA awards issued in FY 2010, 2011 or 2012 if: (i) the amount of de-obligated funds is at least $200,000 and (ii) the de-obligation occurred within the 12 months prior to this NOFA’s Application deadline. The CDFI Fund has the sole discretion to deduct points from prior Awardee/Allocatees if those Applicants have proceedings instituted against them in, by, or before any court, governmental agency, or administrative body and has received a final determination within the last three calendar years indicating the Applicant has discriminated on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, marital status, receipt of income from public assistance, religion, or sex.

(c) Award Selection: The CDFI Fund will make its final award selections based on the Applicants’ scores, ranked from highest to lowest, and the amount of funds available. In the case of tied scores, Applicants will be ranked first according to each Financial Capacity score; followed by the Historic and High Impact score. TA and FA Applicants will be grouped and ranked separately. In addition, the CDFI Fund may consider the institutional and geographic diversity of Applicants when making its funding decisions.

4. Insured CDFIs

In the case of Insured Depository Institutions and Insured Credit Unions, the CDFI Fund will consider information provided by and, views of the Appropriate Federal Banking Agencies. If the Applicant is a CDFI bank holding company, the CDFI Fund will consider information provided by the Appropriate Federal Banking Agencies of the CDFI bank holding company and the CDFI bank that will implement the award. Throughout the award review process, the CDFI Fund will consult with the Appropriate Federal Banking Agency about the Applicant’s financial safety and soundness. If the Appropriate Federal Banking Agency identifies safety and soundness concerns, the CDFI Fund will assess whether the concerns cause or will cause the Applicant to be incapable of undertaking the activities for which funding has been requested. If it is determined the Applicant is incapable of meeting its obligations, the CDFI Fund reserves the right to rescind the award decision. The CDFI Fund also reserves the right to require Insured CDFI Applicants to improve safety and soundness conditions prior to receiving an award disbursement. In addition, the CDFI Fund will take into consideration Community Reinvestment Act assessments of Insured Depository Institutions and/or their Affiliates.

5. Award Notification

Each Applicant will be informed of the CDFI Fund’s award decision through a notification in the Applicant’s myCDFIFund account. This includes notification to Applicants that have not been selected for an award if the decision is based on reasons other than completeness or eligibility. Applicants that have not been selected for an award will receive a debriefing in their myCDFIFund account.

6. Application Rejection

The CDFI Fund reserves the right to reject an Application if information (including administrative errors) comes to the CDFI Fund’s attention that either adversely affects an Applicant’s eligibility for an award, adversely affects the CDFI Fund’s evaluation or scoring of an Application, or indicates fraud or mismanagement on the Applicant’s part. If the CDFI Fund determines any portion of the Application is incorrect in a material respect, the CDFI Fund reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject it. The CDFI Fund reserves the right to change its eligibility and evaluation criteria and procedures, if the CDFI Fund deems it appropriate. If the changes materially affect the CDFI Fund’s award decisions the CDFI Fund will provide information about the changes through the CDFI Fund’s Web site. The CDFI Fund’s award decisions are final and there is no right to appeal the decisions.
VI. Award Administration Information

A. Assistance Agreement

Each Applicant selected to receive an award under this NOFA must enter into an Assistance Agreement with the CDFI Fund in order to receive disbursement of the award funds. The Assistance Agreement will set forth the award terms and conditions, including but not be limited to the award: (i) Amount; (ii) type; (iii) uses; (iv) targeted market or activities; (v) performance goals and measures; and (vi) reporting requirements. FA Assistance Agreements will usually have three-year performance periods; TA Assistance Agreements will usually have two-year performance periods. All FA and TA awardees that are not Insured CDFIs will be required to provide the CDFI Fund with a certificate of good standing from the secretary of state for the Awardee’s state of incorporation. This certificate can often be acquired online on the secretary of state Web site for the Awardee’s state of incorporation and must generally be dated within 270 days of the date the Awardee executes the Assistance Agreement. Due to potential backlogs in state government offices, Applicants are advised to submit requests for certificates of good standing at the time that they submit their Applications. If prior to entering into an Assistance Agreement with the CDFI Fund, information (including administrative error) comes to the CDFI Fund’s attention that: (i) Adversely affects the Awardee’s eligibility for an award, (ii) adversely affects the Awardee’s certification as a CDFI (to the extent that the Award is conditional upon CDFI certification), (iii) adversely affects the CDFI Fund’s evaluation of the Awardee’s Application, or (iv) indicates fraud or mismanagement on the Awardee’s part, the CDFI Fund may, in its discretion and without advance notice to the Awardee, terminate the award or take such other actions as it deems appropriate. The CDFI Fund reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to rescind an award if the Awardee fails to return the Assistance Agreement signed by the authorized representative of the Awardee, and/or provide the CDFI Fund with any other requested documentation, within the CDFI Fund’s deadlines.

1. Failure To Meet Reporting Requirements

If an Awardee is a prior Awardee/Allocatee under any CDFI Fund program and is not current with the reporting requirements set forth in the previously executed agreements(s) with the CDFI Fund, the CDFI Fund reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to delay entering into an Agreement until the Awardee/Allocatee is current with the reporting requirements. Please note that the CDFI Fund only acknowledges the receipt of reports that are complete. As such, incomplete reports or reports that are deficient of required elements will not be recognized as having been received. If said prior Awardee/Allocatee is unable to meet this requirement within the timeframe the CDFI Fund sets, the CDFI Fund reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate and rescind the Assistance Agreement and the award made under this NOFA.

2. Failure To Maintain Certification

If an Awardee applied for an award, under this NOFA, as a Certified CDFI and certified status was an ongoing obligation of the award, but the Awardee failed to preserve and keep in full force and effect its certification as a CDFI, the CDFI Fund reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate and rescind the Assistance Agreement and the award made under this NOFA.

3. Pending Resolution of Noncompliance

If an Applicant is a prior Awardee under any CDFI Fund program and if: (i) It has submitted reports to the CDFI Fund that demonstrate noncompliance with a previous executed agreement with the CDFI Fund; and (ii) the CDFI Fund has yet to make a final determination as to whether the entity is in default of its agreement, the CDFI Fund reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to delay entering into an Assistance Agreement, pending full resolution of the noncompliance issue to the CDFI Fund’s satisfaction. If the said prior Awardee/Allocatee is unable to satisfactorily resolve the compliance issues, the CDFI Fund reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate and rescind the Assistance Agreement and the award made under this NOFA.

4. Default Status

If, at any time prior to entering into an Assistance Agreement through this NOFA, the CDFI Fund has made a final determination that an Awardee is a prior Awardee/Allocatee under any CDFI Fund program is in default of a previously executed assistance, allocation, or award agreement(s), the CDFI Fund reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to delay entering into an Assistance Agreement, until said prior Awardee/Allocatee has submitted a complete and timely report demonstrating full compliance within the CDFI Fund’s timeframe. If said prior Awardee/Allocatee is unable to meet this requirement and the CDFI Fund has not specified in writing that the prior Awardee/Allocatee is otherwise eligible to receive an Award under this NOFA, the CDFI Fund reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate and rescind the Assistance Agreement and the award made under this NOFA.

5. Termination in Default

If prior to entering into an Assistance Agreement under this NOFA (i) the CDFI Fund has made a determination that an Awardee is a prior Awardee/Allocatee under any CDFI Fund Program for which the award or allocation was terminated in default of such prior agreement; (ii) the CDFI Fund has provided written notification of such determination to the Awardee; and (iii) the anticipated date for entering into the Assistance Agreement under this NOFA is within a period of time specified in such notification throughout which any new award, allocation, or assistance is prohibited, the CDFI Fund reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate and rescind the Assistance Agreement and the award made under this NOFA.

6. Compliance With Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws

If the Awardee has previously received funding through any CDFI Fund program, and if at any time prior to entering into an Assistance Agreement through this NOFA, the CDFI Fund is made aware of a final determination, made within the last three calendar years, in any proceeding instituted against the Awardee in, by, or before any court, governmental, or administrative body or agency, declaring that the Awardee has discriminated on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, marital status, receipt of income from public assistance, religion, or sex, the CDFI Fund reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate and rescind the Assistance Agreement and the award made under this NOFA.

B. Reporting

1. Reporting Requirements

At least on an annual basis, the CDFI Fund will collect information from each Awardee including, but not limited to, an Annual Report with the following components: (i) Financial Reports, (ii) OMB A–133 audit; (iii) A–133 Narrative Report; (iv) Institution Level Report; (v) Transaction Level Report (for Awardees receiving FA awards); (vi) Financial Status Report SF–425 (for Awardees receiving TA grants); (vii) Uses of
Financial Assistance (for Awardees receiving FA awards); (viii) Uses of Technical Assistance (for Awardees receiving TA grants); (ix) Explanation of Noncompliance (as applicable); and (x) such other information as the CDFI Fund may require. Each Awardee is responsible for the timely and complete submission of the Annual Report, even if all or a portion of the documents is actually completed by another entity or signatory to the Assistance Agreement. If such other entities or signatories are required to provide Institution Level Reports, Transaction Level Reports, Financial Reports, or other documentation that the CDFI Fund may require, the Awardee is responsible for ensuring that the information submitted is timely and complete. The CDFI Fund reserves the right to contact such additional entities or signatories to the Assistance Agreement and require that additional information and documentation be provided. The CDFI Fund will use such information to monitor each Awardee’s compliance with the requirements in the Assistance Agreement and to assess the impact of the NACA Program. All reports with the exception of the Institution Level Report and the Transaction Level Report, must be electronically submitted directly to the CDFI Fund via the Awardee’s myCDFIFund account. The Institution Level Report and the Transaction Level Report must be submitted through the CDFI Fund’s web-based data collection system, the Community Investment Impact System (CIIS) accessed through the Awardee’s myCDFIFund account. The CDFI Fund reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify these reporting requirements if it determines it to be appropriate and necessary; however, such reporting requirements will be modified only after notice to Awardees.

2. Accounting

The CDFI Fund will require each Awardee to account for and track the use of its award. This means that Awardees must track every dollar and must inform the CDFI Fund of its uses. This will require Awardees to establish separate administrative and accounting controls, subject to the applicable OMB Circulars. The CDFI Fund will provide guidance on the format and content of the annual information to be provided, outlining and describing how the funds were used. All Awardees are responsible for ensuring their banking account information is updated and accurate in the System for Award Management (SAM) as directed in this NOFA’s Section IV. C.

VII. Agency Contact

A. The CDFI Fund will respond to questions concerning this NOFA and the Application between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, starting on the date that the NOFA is published through two business days prior to the Application deadline. During the two business days prior to the Application deadline, the CDFI Fund will not respond to questions for Applicants until after the Application deadline. Applications and other information regarding the CDFI Fund and its programs may be obtained from the CDFI Fund’s Web site at http://www.cdfifund.gov. The CDFI Fund will post its Web site responses to questions of general applicability regarding the NACA Program.

B. Applicants may contact the CDFI Fund as follows:

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<td>NACA Program</td>
<td>(202) 653–0421</td>
<td><a href="mailto:cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov">cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov</a>.</td>
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<td>Certification, Compliance Monitoring and Evaluation</td>
<td>(202) 653–0423</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ccme@cdfi.treas.gov">ccme@cdfi.treas.gov</a>.</td>
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<td>Information Technology Support</td>
<td>(202) 653–0300</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ITHelpdesk@cdfi.treas.gov">ITHelpdesk@cdfi.treas.gov</a>.</td>
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C. Information Technology Support: People who have visual or mobility impairments that prevent them from creating a Target Market map using the CDFI Fund’s Web site should call (202) 653–0300 for assistance (this is not a toll free number).

D. Communication With the CDFI Fund: The CDFI Fund will use the Applicants’ and Awardees’ contact information in their myCDFIFund accounts to communicate. It is imperative; therefore, that Applicants, Awardees, Subsidiaries, Affiliates, and signatories maintain accurate contact information in their accounts. This includes information like contact names, especially for the authorized representative; email addresses; fax and phone numbers; and office locations. For more information about myCDFIFund, as well as information on the Community Investment Impact System, please see the following Web site: http://www.cdfifund.gov/ciis/accessingciis.pdf.

VIII. Information Sessions and Outreach

The CDFI Fund may conduct webinars or host information sessions for organizations that are considering applying to, or are interested in learning about, the CDFI Fund’s programs. For further information, please visit the CDFI Fund’s Web site at http://www.cdfifund.gov.


Donna J. Gambrell,
Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

Funding Opportunity Title: Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) inviting applications for the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program FY 2013 Funding Round (FY 2013 Funding Round).

Announcement Type: Announcement of funding opportunity.


Dates: Applications for Financial Assistance (FA) or Technical Assistance (TA) awards through the FY 2013 Funding Round of the CDFI Program must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET), February 28, 2013.

Executive Summary: Subject to funding availability, this NOFA is issued in connection with the FY 2013 Funding Round of the CDFI Program, administered by the Community