



Locating Community Development Opportunities



The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Office of Thrift Supervision in an effort to support the community development activities of the financial institutions they supervise have developed this web-based tool for identifying community development opportunities throughout the nation.

Neither the OCC nor OTS endorses any of the listed organizations. To receive consideration under the CRA for your activities, you must verify that the organizations and programs you support meet the definition of community development under the CRA.

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American Indian Business Development

American Indian Heritage Foundation – locate federally recognized tribes by region

<http://www.indians.org/Resource/FedTribes99/fedtribes99.html>

Federal Register list of Federally Recognized Tribes

<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsob/biaind.pdf>

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People – locate a local branch

<http://www.naacp.org/unitfinder/community.html#iii>

Community Action Agencies

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http://www.communityactionpartnership.com/index.php?option=com_spreadsheets&view=search&spreadsheet=cap&Itemid=188

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI's)

Association for Enterprise Opportunity members – micro loan funds

<http://www.microenterpriseworks.org/index.asp?bid=282>

CARS: Comprehensive Ratings for CDFI Investments – a comprehensive, third-party assessment of a CDFI's impact performance and financial strength and performance.

<http://www.carsratingsystem.net/default.asp>

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund – frequently updates a list of certified CDFIs in pdf format

[http://www.cdfifund.gov/what we do/programs id.asp?programID=9#certified](http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=9#certified)

Community Development Venture Capital Funds

<http://www.cdvca.org/about/states/index.php>

Federation of Community Development Credit Unions – locate members

<http://www.natfed.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=833>

Fund for Innovation, Education, Learning and Development (a project of the Aspen Institute) – directory of micro enterprise development organizations

<http://fieldus.org/Publications/Directory.asp>

National Association of State and Local Equity Funds – trade association for organizations that invest in Low-Income Housing Tax Credits

<http://www.naslef.org/naslefmembers.html>

National Credit Union Administration – make sure you check the box for locating a Low-Income Credit Union

<http://www.ncua.gov/DataServices/FindCU.aspx>

Opportunity Finance Network – a network of CDFI's investing in opportunities to benefit low-income and low-wealth people in the U.S.

<http://www.opportunityfinance.net/default.aspx>

Ways to Work loan offices – network of social service agencies that also provide auto loans for LMI persons who need a car to get to work or school

http://www.waystowork.org/pages/l_directory.html

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Ethnic Organizations

National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development – list of voting members, which are local organizations

<http://www.nationalcapacd.org/membership.html>

National Council of La Raza – locate affiliates

<http://www.nclr.org/section/network/>

National Urban League – listing of affiliates

<http://www.nul.org/affiliatelistings.html>

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Financial Education & Reaching the Unbanked

Cooperative Extension Service Offices – frequently provide homebuyer and financial education services; some also provide small business assistance

<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/Extension/>

Get Checking (search function on splash page) – financial education program for persons listed on ChexSystems

<http://www.getchecking.org/index.php>

National Academy Foundation – provides high school students with education and internships in the financial services industry and other industries; lists 529 programs in 40 states

<http://www.naf.org/maps/>

National Community Tax Coalition – trade association of organizations that provide no-fee tax preparation services for persons eligible for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit

<http://www.tax-coalition.org/programs.cfm>

National Foundation for Credit Counseling (CCCS offices) – locate affiliates

<http://www.debtadvice.org/takethefirststep/locator.html>

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Google Maps Search

Accessing the Google Maps Search Engine can be a very effective way of identifying community development organizations in rural communities and counties. By googling the name and state of the community followed by either Social Service or Human Service, Google will generate a map with several pages of social & human service and community development organizations pinpointed both in the community and the surrounding area. Clicking on either the pinpoints on the community in question or the dots on communities in the area will provide you with the name and contact information of organizations providing community development services.

<http://maps.google.com/>

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Housing

Habitat for Humanity – locate HfH affiliates

<http://www.habitat.org/cd/local/>

The Housing Partnership Network – trade association for local housing partnerships

<http://www.housingpartnership.net/>

HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agencies

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm>

National Council of State Housing Finance Agencies

<http://www.ncsha.org/housing-help>

National Fair Housing Alliance – lists members in 33 states

<http://www.nationalfairhousing.org/>

NeighborWorks America (search function on splash page)

<http://www.nw.org/network/home.asp>

Rebuilding Together (search function on splash page) – local affiliates provides home repair and home modification services to low-income persons.

<http://www.rebuildingtogether.org/>

YouthBuild U.S.A. Programs (renovate houses while teaching youth job skills) – find a local program

http://www.youthbuild.org/site/c.htIRI3PIKoG/b.1311123/k.94A5/Locate_a_YouthBuild_Program.htm

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HUD Web Sites

HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agencies

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm>

HUD Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Database – provides an abundance of data on projects funded with LIHTC, including a geographic search function

<http://lihtc.huduser.org/>

HUD RC/EZ/EC locator – links to Renewal Communities, Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/economicdevelopment/programs/rc/tour/index.cfm>

HUD State and Local Consolidated Plans, which are filed for jurisdictions receiving CDBG and HOME funding

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/about/conplan/local/index.cfm>

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Individual Development Account Programs (IDA's)

Assets for Independence (AFI) grant recipients – AFI is a federal agency that provides grant funding for Individual Development Account programs

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/assetbuilding/states.html>

CfED directory of IDA programs

<http://www.cfed.org/focus.m?parentid=2&siteid=374&id=599>

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Minority Depository Institutions (MDI's)

FDIC Minority Depository Institution Program – a listing of MDI's as well as resources in support thereof provided by the FDIC

<http://www.fdic.gov/regulations/resources/minority/mdi.html>

Minority Bank Deposit Program participants – directory of minority- and women-owned financial institutions

http://www.fms.treas.gov/mbdp/current_list.html

OCC External Outreach and Minority Affairs (EOMA) – a listing of MDI's supervised by the OCC as well as resources in support thereof provided by the OCC

<http://www.occ.treas.gov/minority.htm>

OTS Minority Depository Institutions – a listing of MDI's supervised by the OTS as well as resources in support thereof provided by the OTS

<http://www.ots.treas.gov/?p=MinorityDepositoryInstitutions>

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National Intermediaries

Enterprise Communities – has 16 local offices

<http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/>

Local Initiatives Support Corporation – has 29 local offices

<http://www.lisc.org/section/offices/>

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Research on Nonprofits & Best Practices

Community Investment Database – provides profiles of CDFIs, including selected financial information; sponsored by the Social Investment Forum

<http://www.communityinvestingcenterdb.org/>

Guidestar – database of nonprofit organizations, including access to IRS Form 990 for many of them

<http://www.guidestar.org/>

National Association of Counties Model County Programs Database – describes CD efforts of many kinds from across the country

http://www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=Model_County_Programs&Template=/cffiles/awards/model_srch.cfm

U.S. Conference of Mayors Best Practices Database – describes CD efforts of many kinds from across the country

http://www.mayors.org/USCM/best_practices/search.asp

Volunteer Match – online matching service nonprofits and persons looking for volunteering opportunities

<http://www.volunteermatch.org/>

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Rural Organizations

Appalachian Regional Commission—a federal-state partnership that works for sustainable community and economic development in Appalachia.

<http://www.arc.gov/index.do>

National Association of Development Organizations – trade association for regional development organizations primarily serving small metropolitan and rural America

<http://www.nado.org/aboutnado/membersites.php>

National Association of Regional Councils – regional councils provide planning and development assistance to local governments; NARC lists them by state.

<http://narc.org/regional-councils-mpos/listing-of-cogs-and-mpos-2.html>

Rural LISC – has partnerships with more than 70 community development corporations in 37 states

<http://www.ruralisc.org/partners/partners.htm>

USDA Rural Development State Offices

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html

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Small Business Development

Main Street Programs – structured program for revitalizing downtowns in smaller cities and commercial streets in urban areas

<http://www.mainstreet.org/content.aspx?page=2876§ion=15>

Manufacturing Extension Partnerships – provide management assistance to small businesses

<http://www.mep.nist.gov/centers-near-you/index.htm>

National Association of Development Companies – trade association for SBA 504 CDCs; locate a 504 CDC

http://www.nadco.org/i4a/member_directory/feSearchForm.cfm?directory_id=12&pageid=3378&showTitle=1

Small Business Administration – click on “Local Resources” for links to Small Business Development Centers, Women’s Business Centers, HUB Zones and more

<http://www.sba.gov/>

State Economic Development Resources – list, by state, of small business development resources

<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/entre/sedfr.htm>

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Social Service and Charitable Organizations

Alliance for Children and Families – national network of social service agencies – online directory of members

http://www.alliance1.org/redirect/default_MembersUWA.htm

America’s Second Harvest – food bank locator

<http://www.secondharvest.org/foodbank-results.aspx>

Boys & Girls Clubs of America – find a local club

<http://www.bgca.org/clubs/>

Catholic Charities – find a local office

<http://www.catholiccharitiesinfo.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=292&srcid=193>

Community Health Centers – nonprofit agencies that provide health care to persons without insurance, regardless of their ability to pay

<http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/SearchByCounty.aspx>

Council on Foundations Community Foundation Locator

<http://www.cof.org/Locator/index.cfm?menuContainerID=34&crumb=2>

Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers

http://www.givingforum.org/s_forum/index.asp

Goodwill Industries – provide job training

<http://locator.goodwill.org/>

The Grantsmanship Center Catalog of Local Funding Sources, which includes a link for community foundations in each state

<http://www.tgci.com/funding.shtml>

Junior Achievement – find a local program

http://www.ja.org/near/near_map.asp

Lutheran Social Services – find a local office

http://applications.lutheranservices.org/lsapublic/search_providers.aspx

National Coalition for the Homeless – several directories of state organizations (for advocacy, for direct service, etc.) are available

<http://www.nationalhomeless.org/resources/index.html>

Salvation Army (locator is on splash page)

http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/www_usn_2.nsf

Social Enterprise Directory – businesses formed explicitly to produce social benefits; a joint project of Community Wealth Ventures, Inc. and the Social Enterprise Alliance

<http://www.communitywealth.com/Directory%20of%20Social%20Enterprises.htm>

United Way – find a local United Way office

<http://national.unitedway.org/myuw/index.cfm>

Volunteers of America – national network of nonprofit organizations that provide a variety of services, typically to lower-income persons

<http://www.voa.org/LocalOffices/tabid/5127/Default.aspx>

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