



## **Inclusiv CDFI Advocacy Platform**

Inclusiv promotes the financial independence and well-being of working families and communities by expanding access to safe and responsible financial products and services through credit unions. Nearly 350 credit unions are certified as Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) investing in economically vulnerable communities. These CDFI credit unions or community development credit unions currently serve more than 13 million members with more than \$158 billion in combined assets in rural and urban communities across the country. As the national network of CDFI credit unions and CDFI intermediary committed to expanding the reach and impact of these mission-driven credit unions, Inclusiv advocates for policies that strengthen the institutions *and* the members and communities they serve.

### **Invest in Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) for a more equitable rebuilding of American infrastructure and local economies**

Community Development Credit Unions are one of the most effective ways to channel capital directly into communities that have been hardest hit by the COVID recession, are underserved by banks and businesses, and are the last to recover from economic crises. CDCUs provide affordable credit to consumers, boost entrepreneurship, expand businesses and facilitate affordable homeownership.

As America recovers from a global pandemic, investment in the growth of CDCUs is essential to the building of a stronger, more resilient economic infrastructure. CDCUs are effective market proven vehicle to deploy capital in underserved communities and their largest dedicated funding source is U.S. Treasury CDFI Fund. Every year capital grants from the CDFI Fund leverage billions of dollars in financing and support services to promote affordable homeownership, increase energy efficiency, strengthen small businesses, build savings and increase financial capability to expand consumer purchasing power. Inclusiv seeks to strengthen the Community Reinvestment Act and the federal CDFI Fund; and increase their effectiveness to spark private, state and local investment in community development finance.

**FY 2022  
\$1 Billion  
appropriation  
for CDFI Fund**



## **CDFI Advocacy Priorities:**

- Increase appropriations to the CDFI Fund, directing a portion of those resources to expanding consumer lending in underserved communities. For FY 2022 we call for a \$1 Billion appropriation for the CDFI Fund
- Develop and maintain strong and consistent standards and definitions of what constitutes a CDFI including consistency with regulatory standards and recognition of credit union boards as fully accountable to their members.
- Adoption of metrics for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion by the CDFI Fund
- Preservation of the current 40% set-aside for minority lenders
- Achieve greater institutional diversity in CDFI Fund awards and increased transparency in the evaluation process, including detailed debriefing documentation for all applicants.
- Increase technical assistance resources to expand the number of institutions accessing the Capital Magnet Fund, New Markets Tax Credits, and the CDFI Bond Guarantee program, which yield substantial returns to institutions and communities.
- Foster the formation of state CDFI funds to leverage and expand access to credit and affordable financial services.
- Strengthen and expand the Community Reinvestment Act to drive greater capital toward community development credit unions and the communities we serve