

Community Economic Development FY 2024 New Grant Awards



What is the Community Economic Development (CED) Program?

The Community Economic Development (CED) program is a federal grant program within the Office of Community Services (OCS) that focuses on reducing poverty by **creating jobs for individuals with low income in communities with high rates of unemployment and poverty.**

The CED program addresses the economic needs of households with low income by creating and expanding sustainable businesses and employment opportunities for people with low income. The CED program strengthens families and communities by investing in local businesses, creating jobs that employ individuals with low income, and growing local revenue.

Who are CED Grant Recipients?

The CED program funds private, nonprofit community development corporations (CDCs) that plan, develop, or manage housing for families and individuals with low income, or community development projects.

CED Projects and Outcomes

CED projects use multiple strategies to support development including providing start-up capital, loans, equity investments, and funding for construction. Projects create and expand businesses that include:

- Restaurants and commercial kitchens
- Manufacturing businesses
- Shopping centers
- Child-care businesses
- Agricultural and environmental initiatives

CED recipients secure additional investment for their projects. For every \$1 of CED grant funding for grants completed from 2018 to 2023, **\$8.55 in funds** from other sources were invested back into the community where the project was located.

At least 75% of the jobs created through CED-funded projects must be filled by individuals with low income and should be high-quality jobs that provide living wages, paid leave, fringe benefits, and flexible scheduling practices to allow individuals to achieve economic self-sufficiency.



CED Projects and Outcomes (cont.)

In addition to creating jobs, all grant recipients **connect employees to critical support services** that remove barriers to employment and allow individuals to maintain long-term employment. These include financial literacy assistance, child-care services, transportation, English language learning, and substance use disorder treatment.

[Learn about the CED program](#) and [view project success stories](#).

CED Job Creation Grant Awards

In fiscal year 2024 (FY24), OCS awarded **over \$15 million** in new grants to support **20** new CED job creation projects. These projects will create economic development opportunities for the individuals and communities served by:

- Creating or expanding **36 businesses**
- Creating **545 new, full-time jobs**, 421 of which will be filled by individuals with low incomes
- Leveraging an additional **\$28.4 million** in funds from other sources

Of the 20 new CED job creation projects, nine will be **located in a geographically underserved area**, such as a rural location, Native American community, or persistent-poverty county. Ten projects will **collaborate with other OCS programs** to create jobs.

Energy & Environmental Justice

The CED program empowers workers by revitalizing energy communities, which are communities that have experienced employment loss or economic dislocation events because of declines in the fossil fuel industry. Additionally, the CED program aligns with the the Biden-Harris administration's [Justice40 Initiative](#) by serving communities that are designated as disadvantaged by the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#).

Of the 20 new CED job creation projects, 12 will serve areas that are either identified as **energy communities or designated as disadvantaged** by the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool.

[Learn more about how the CED program supports President Biden's Justice40 Initiative](#).

CED Planning Grant Awards

In FY24, OCS awarded **\$1.5 million** in new grant awards to support **10** CED planning projects. Planning grants provide CDCs with funds to support administrative capacity building activities that will allow recipients adequate time and resources to apply for a traditional CED job creation award.

- All 10 CED planning projects are located in **geographically underserved areas**.
- Three awarded projects **partner with other OCS programs**.
- Eight are located in **energy communities** or areas that are designated as **disadvantaged** by the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#).

[Learn more about CED planning grants](#).

CED Project Summaries

The following pages feature summaries of the CED grants awarded in FY24. CED planning grants are designated with a blue light bulb (💡).

[View all previously funded active CED projects](#).

Arizona

Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. will use \$800,000 in CED funds to expand Victory Autism Academy, an educational institution for students diagnosed with autism, creating 29 new educational sector jobs in Phoenix.

- Supports Congressional District: AZ-07¹
- County Poverty Rate: 11.3%
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¹ The congressional districts listed throughout reflect the districts where the CED projects will be implemented, not the location of the CED grant recipient.

 The **YWCA of Southern Arizona** will use \$150,000 in CED planning funds to develop a comprehensive plan to open the Tucson Public Marketplace, a multi-purpose space where the community can gather to shop, dine, and view local art.

- *Supports Congressional District: AZ-07*
- *County Poverty Rate: 14.7%*

California

The **Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD)** will use \$800,000 in CED funds to extend a loan to CRCD Enterprises, a social enterprise subsidiary of CRCD that conducts lead abatement and construction work in South Los Angeles. CRCD Enterprises will use CED funds to expand the lead abatement division, creating 32 new jobs.

- *Supports Congressional District: CA-37*
- *County Poverty Rate: 14.1%*

Main Street Launch will use \$800,000 in CED funds to recapitalize the San Francisco Business Resilience Loan Fund, an existing fund providing low-interest loans and technical assistance to local restaurants in San Francisco, which will facilitate the creation of 30 new jobs.

- *Supports Congressional District: CA-11*
- *County Poverty Rate: 11.4%*

Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) will use \$800,000 in CED funds to extend a loan to three small Latino-owned culinary businesses and make an investment in MEDA's new real estate property management subsidiary in San Francisco, creating 30 new jobs in the process.

- *Supports Congressional District: CA-11*
- *County Poverty Rate: 11.4%*

Partnership for Environmental Progress will use \$800,000 in CED funds to extend a loan to Daily Living Support Riverside LLC (dba Home Instead) to expand its in-home care service for seniors, disabled veterans, and injured individuals and create 29 new jobs in Riverside.

- *Supports Congressional District: CA-39*
- *County Poverty Rate: 11.6%*

Connecticut

 **Greater Dwight Development Corporation (GDDC)** will use \$150,000 in CED planning funds to launch a new comprehensive neighborhood planning process. Comprehensive planning will allow GDDC to properly engage with minority and foreign-born populations and ensure that neighborhood development is responsive to the needs of the Greater Dwight community.

- *Supports Congressional District: CT-03*
- *County Poverty Rate: 12%*

District of Columbia

Latino Economic Development Corporation of Washington, D.C. will use \$800,000 in CED funds to extend loans to five local restaurants in Washington, D.C., creating 30 new jobs.

- *Supports D.C.-At-Large Congressional District*
- *District Poverty Rate: 16.8%*

Florida

Jericho Road Ministries, Inc. will use \$800,000 in CED funds to expand Jericho Thrift, a chain of thrift stores reselling clothes, furniture, electronics, and houseware in Brooksville, creating 30 new retail jobs.

- *Supports Congressional District: FL-12*
- *County Poverty Rate: 11.8%*

Idaho

Montana Community Development Corporation provides services in Montana and Idaho. They will use \$800,000 in CED funds to provide a loan to Amano Restaurant, a locally owned Mexican restaurant, in Caldwell, Idaho. This loan will help the restaurant open a new location in Caldwell's trendy downtown neighborhood, which will create 25 new jobs in the food service industry.

- *Supports Congressional District: ID-01*
- *County Poverty Rate: 11%*

Indiana

Edna Martin Christian Center will use \$672,000 in CED funds to expand two education centers, creating 21 jobs, as part of the 37 Place Renovation and Early Childhood Education Expansion Project in Indianapolis.

- *Supports Congressional District: IN-07*
- *County Poverty Rate: 15.1%*

Kentucky


Kentucky Highlands Community Development Corporation will use \$800,000 in CED funds to make a low-interest working capital loan to Dayspring Health, Inc., a nonprofit federally qualified healthcare provider, to expand its Regional Health Center in Williamsburg, creating 29 jobs.

- *Supports Congressional District: KY-05*
- *County Poverty Rate: 23.5%*

Maine

Coastal Enterprises, Inc. will use \$400,000 in CED funds to create a loan fund to support its Revitalizing Rangeley project in Franklin County and provide a loan to the Rangeley Childcare Center, which will create 15 new jobs in the childcare industry.

- *Supports Congressional District: ME-02*
- *County Poverty Rate: 11.7%*

 **Penquis C.A.P., Inc. (Penquis)** will use \$150,000 in CED planning funds to develop a comprehensive business plan for creating sustainable economic development that creates new, full-time, permanent jobs for individuals with low incomes in the rural Maine Highlands region encompassing Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties.

- *Supports Congressional District: ME-02*
- *County Poverty Rates: 14.6%; 14%*

Massachusetts

NorthStar Learning Centers, Inc. will use \$735,000 in CED funds to support the renovation and expansion of its Early Education and Community Center in New Bedford, creating 22 new jobs in the childcare industry.

- *Supports Congressional District: MA-09*
- *County Poverty Rate: 18.8%*

Whittier Street Health Center Committee, Inc.

will use \$398,222 in CED funds to expand its health services to include a mobile dental and vision care clinic in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston, creating 14 new jobs across the dentistry, healthcare, and transportation industries.

- *Supports Congressional District: MA-07*
- *County Poverty Rate: 18.5%*

Michigan

Mel Trotter Ministries will use \$800,000 in CED funds to expand Chop Tree Service, LLC (Chop), a local vegetation management business operating within Grand Rapids. Extending this loan to Chop will result in 30 new jobs in the vegetation management industry.

- *Supports Congressional District: MI-03*
- *County Poverty Rate: 9.9%*

Minnesota

 **Immigrant Development Center** will use \$150,000 in CED planning funds to develop a business plan for the Moorhead Cultural Mall, a vibrant community hub that showcases the region's rich cultural diversity, in the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area. This project will serve communities in both Minnesota and North Dakota.²


- *Supports Congressional District: MN-07*
- *County Poverty Rate: 12.9%*

Mississippi

Gulf Coast Housing Partnership provides services in Louisiana and Mississippi. They will use \$800,000 in CED funds to extend a loan to Coastal Family Health Centers, Inc. to expand their health clinic in Gulfport, Mississippi, which will in turn create 25 new jobs in the healthcare industry.

² As this project will serve MN and ND, it is listed under both states.

- *Supports Congressional District: MS-04*
- *County Poverty Rate: 18%*

 **Reaching Infinity** will use \$150,000 in CED planning funds to develop a fundable CED project by implementing a case worker team that will work one-on-one with key participants to plan for the development of new small business jobs in areas with low income within Claiborne, Jefferson, and Copiah Counties.

- *Supports Congressional District: MS-02*
- *County Poverty Rates: 33.3%; 31.7%; 20.9%*

Missouri

Community Builders of Kansas City will use \$800,000 in CED funds to repurpose a hotel water park in Kansas City into a pickleball facility. Developing this facility will create 34 new jobs in the administrative and food service industries.

- *Supports Congressional District: MO-05*
- *County Poverty Rate: 13.1%*

North Dakota

 **Immigrant Development Center** will use \$150,000 in CED planning funds to develop a business plan for the Moorhead Cultural Mall, a vibrant community hub that showcases the region's rich cultural diversity, in the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area. This project will serve communities in both Minnesota and North Dakota.

- *Supports ND-At-Large Congressional District*
- *County Poverty Rate: 10.6%*

Ohio


Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc. will use \$800,000 in CED funds to expand the Shaker Square revitalization project in Cleveland, Ohio by conducting renovations on the existing grocery store and restaurants within the center. Shaker Square is a historic shopping center in Northeastern Cleveland. This expansion will create 29 new jobs across the food service, grocery, and management industries.

- *Supports Congressional District: OH-11*
- *County Poverty Rate: 16.2%*

The **Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI)** will use \$800,000 in CED funds to conduct major renovations on an ECDI-owned building in Columbus. This renovation will support the expansion of Granville Bread Company, a successful local food manufacturing business specializing in artisanal baked goods, which will create 27 new jobs.

- *Supports Congressional District: OH-15*
- *County Poverty Rate: 14.3%*

Oregon

 **South Wasco Alliance** will use \$150,000 in CED planning funds to develop a comprehensive plan detailing how businesses and jobs will be created in the following industries: health and social services, food production and food tourism, and tourism destination development in South Wasco County.

- *Supports Congressional District: OR-02*
- *County Poverty Rate: 13.3%*

Pennsylvania

Trehab will use \$798,254 in CED funds to create the Northeastern Pennsylvania Rural Tourism Support enterprise, a business aimed at promoting and supporting rural tourism in Susquehanna Depot, creating 29 new jobs in the tourism and food service industries.

- *Supports Congressional District: PA-12*
- *County Poverty Rate: 12%*

Tennessee


The **South Memphis Renewal Community Development Corporation** will use \$800,000 in CED funds to complete the 38126 Innovation and Technology Center Project in Memphis, which involves constructing a multi-purpose building that will feature retail space, restaurant space, office space, and a community center. This initiative will create 35 new jobs across multiple industries.

- *Supports Congressional District: TN-09*
- *County Poverty Rate: 18%*


 **Three Roots Capital** will use \$150,000 in CED planning funds to build the administrative capacity of the community to develop a fundable CED project to implement early childcare centers in census tracts with low income in Knoxville and surrounding counties.

- *Supports Congressional District: TN-02*
- *County Poverty Rate: 12.1%*

Texas

 **Concho Valley Community Action Agency** will use \$150,000 in CED planning funds to further develop a plan to create the Concho Valley Rock Rose Community Campus, a housing development for unhoused individuals in San Angelo.

- *Supports Congressional District: TX-11*
- *County Poverty Rate: 13.2%*

 **LiftFund, Inc.** will use \$150,000 in CED planning funds to build the administrative capacity of the community to develop Houston's Low-Wealth, Diverse Neighborhoods initiative, which will implement a comprehensive planning and data collection process to identify strategies for supporting business and economic development in the North and Northeastern and South and Southeastern neighborhoods of Houston.

- *Supports Congressional District TX-07*
- *County Poverty Rate: 19.8%*

 **San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside, Inc.** will use \$150,000 in CED planning funds to develop a comprehensive, community-informed business plan to open a public market complex in San Antonio's Eastside neighborhood.

- *Supports Congressional District: TX-28*
- *County Poverty Rate: 14.8%*

