Launched in 2007, the mission of Disability Opportunity Fund (DOF) is to provide technical and financial services to individuals and organizations serving the disability market throughout the U.S., with a focus on affordable housing, schools, community facilities, health facilities, and vocational training centers and jobs, creating businesses or service providers.

DOF is a national CDFI which provides financing, technical services, and policy advocacy to increase access to appropriate opportunities for people with disabilities throughout the U.S. By working together with other CDFIs, banks, investors, families, social service providers, developers, and government entities, DOF funds projects to find creative solutions to the nationwide shortage of housing for people with disabilities. DOF also helps those with disabilities realize their full potential by funding community facilities, such as schools and vocational training centers. Other products and services include community-oriented programs, lending and financing opportunities, educational programming, and technical assistance to parents and social service institutions.

Success Story: Rising Tide, South Florida

Rising Tide is a scalable social enterprise with the primary mission to employ adults with autism. By delivering a first-rate car wash experience to the consumer, Rising Tide strives to inspire communities to change their perception of the capabilities of people with autism. Through intensive training, team-building and caring for the community, Rising Tide sets its employees up for success by providing people with autism with an opportunity to build a career and achieve an independent lifestyle. DOF provided flexible financing of over $2.8 million which allowed Rising Tide to build its second and third locations in Florida.