Founded in 1983 by faith-based investors committed to shareholder advocacy and economic justice, the Leviticus Fund is a certified CDFI loan fund dedicated to providing highly flexible capital to support a wide-range of community development projects. We think strategically about how best to steward the capital we are entrusted with, and work collaboratively with our nonprofit borrowers to offer tailored loan products and development services that contribute to their success. Our mission is to serve low-income and vulnerable individuals and communities by supporting the development and preservation of affordable and supportive housing, startup resident manufactured home co-ops, child care and early education centers, charter public schools, human services facilities, and economic development initiatives. Our goal is to support transformative solutions that create sustainable and affordable communities.

CDFI Story: Breaking Ground, Brooklyn, NY

Predevelopment financing is essential to community development, yet it’s the most challenging capital to secure. Leviticus Fund recognizes this gap in the system, and offers flexible early stage financing to fill it. An example is a $1.5 million loan we made to support the transformation of a hotel residence by the nonprofit Breaking Ground into 498 affordable and supportive housing units. “Bringing such a large number of housing units online will make a significant contribution to Breaking Ground’s mission of ending homelessness. We are very grateful to Leviticus for their support,” said Cara McAteer, senior project manager for the project.

Financial and Social Impact

- $129 million in total lending since 1984
- 6,808 affordable housing units created or preserved, including homeownership, rental, supportive, transitional and manufactured home communities
- 5,695 early education and charter public school seats created
- 47 commercial, nonprofit, and community social service facilities created

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