

## OFN AND THE CITI FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE CLASS OF 50 CDFI PROFESSIONALS FOR “CITI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR OPPORTUNITY FINANCE”

*Unique Professional Development Program 'by CDFIs for CDFIs'  
to Advance Opportunity Finance Expertise Across the U.S.*



(December 17, 2013) - Opportunity Finance Network (OFN) and the Citi Foundation today announced the selection of 50 Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) professionals to take part in the *Citi Leadership Program for Opportunity Finance*.

The 10-month course begins in January 2014.

OFN selected the participants from more than 120 applicants nationwide. The selections reflect the diversity of CDFIs and the low-income, low-wealth, and other disadvantaged communities they serve.

“Developed by CDFIs for CDFIs, the program supports professionals who strive to lead transformational—structural and systemic—change,” said Mark Pinsky, CEO of OFN. “OFN is excited to be able to offer this unique CDFI leadership program with the generous support of the Citi Foundation, which has supported the CDFI industry for more than 20 years.”

The program will include three separate career level cohorts, with 11 Executive Leaders, 19 Mid-career Leaders, and 20 Emerging Leaders.

“Building a strong pipeline of future leaders in the opportunity finance industry requires investments that will boost the capability and expertise of its high-potential professionals,” said Brandee McHale, Chief Operating Officer of the Citi Foundation. “The individuals selected for this leadership program will be empowered with the skills and knowledge they need to advance their own careers and the industry as a whole.”

Participants come from 21 states and the District of Columbia. They represent a variety of CDFI types and specialties, including commercial real estate lending, microfinance, consumer finance, and affordable-housing finance. They are:

### Executive Leaders:

James H Bason, President, TruFund Financial Services, New York, NY  
Daniel Betancourt, President and CEO, Community First Fund, Lancaster, PA  
Nancy Carin, Executive Director, BOC Capital Corp./Business Outreach Center Network, Inc., Brooklyn, NY  
Shane David Jett, Executive Director, Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corp., Shawnee, OK  
Kristin Faust, Chief Credit Officer, Partners for the Common Good, Washington, DC  
Jayne Crosby Giles, CEO, MaineStream Finance, Bangor, ME



Lenwood V. Long, Sr., President/CEO, The Support Center, Durham, NC  
Ceyl Prinster, President and CEO, Colorado Enterprise Fund, Denver, CO  
Scott Spote, Chief Lending Officer, NCB Capital Impact, Arlington, VA  
Adam Zimmerman, Executive Vice President, Craft3, Ilwaco, WA  
Kevin Zwick, CEO, Housing Trust Silicon Valley, San Jose, CA

#### Mid-Career Leaders:

Aisha Benson, Managing Director, TruFund Financial Services, Inc., New York, NY  
Kirby Burkholder, Executive Director, Missouri, IFF, St. Louis, MO  
Thomas J. Dolan, Chief Operating Officer, CEI Capital Management, Wiscasset, ME  
Jane Ellis, Director, Charter School Lending, Self-Help, Durham, NC  
Liza Fleming-Ives, Deputy Director, The Genesis Fund, Damariscotta, ME  
Sarah Fitzgerald, Director/Lending, Montana Community Development Corp., Missoula, MT  
Peter Grof, Deputy to the President, New Jersey Community Capital, New Brunswick, NJ  
Paul Hoffmann, Director of Policy & Impacts, Pathway Lending, Nashville, TN  
Demetria "Dee" Jones, Senior Program Officer, Hope Enterprise Corporation/ Hope Credit Union, Jackson, MS  
Micha Josephy, Program Manager, Cooperative Fund of New England, Watertown, MA  
Brian Maddox, Director of Nevada Operations, Clearinghouse CDFI, Las Vegas, NV  
Manpreet K. Mangat (Mona), Senior Program Officer, LISC National Community Safety Initiative, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), New York, NY  
Tim Martin, Chief Credit Officer, Enterprise Community Loan Fund, Columbia, MD  
Larita C. Mimms, Director of Finance, Partners for the Common Good, Washington, DC  
Jon M. Rogers, Executive VP, Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises, Inc., Berea, KY  
Michael Rosen, Chief Operating Officer/CFO, Primary Care Development Corp, New York, NY  
Andrew Schlack, Director of Lending, Calvert Foundation, Bethesda, MD  
Tammy Thomas, CFO, Florida Community Loan Fund, Orlando, FL  
Bridget Wiedeman, Loan Officer, The Reinvestment Fund, Philadelphia, PA

#### Emerging Leaders:

Daniel Arndt, Lending Officer, New Jersey Community Capital, New Brunswick, NJ  
Adrienne Barnes, Loan Officer, NCB Capital Impact, Arlington, VA  
Kristin Crandall, Data Analyst, The Reinvestment Fund, Philadelphia, PA  
Jennifer Lucas Crowther, Director Policy/Resource Innovation, PIDC, Philadelphia, PA  
Mary Elizabeth Evans, VP, Community/Economic Development, Hope Enterprise Corporation/ Hope Credit Union, Jackson, MS  
Anna Hamilton, Program/Loan Manager, Lowcountry Housing Trust, North Charleston, SC  
Janna Mancini, Development Associate, Northern California Community Loan Fund, San Francisco, CA  
Peter Metzger, Development Analyst/Writer, Ways to Work, Inc., Milwaukee, WI  
Vicki Lee Parker, Marketing & Communications Director, The Support Center, Durham, NC  
Nicole Pendleton, Community Development Analyst, Freedom First FCU, Roanoke, VA  
Katie Rodriguez, Director, Lending/Impact Investing, Housing Partnership Network, Boston, MA  
Kallie Rollenhagen, Technical Assistance Program Officer, Chicago Community Loan Fund, Chicago, IL



Lorena Roman, Director of Business Services, Working Solutions, San Francisco, CA  
Daniel Samartino, Senior Loan Officer, Entrepreneur Works, Philadelphia, PA  
Betsy Neely Sikma, Manager, Development & Communications, Accion Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Rebecca J. Tuccio, Consumer Portfolio Administrator, Craft3, Ilwaco, WA  
James Key-Wallace, Senior Investor, New Hampshire Community Loan Fund, Concord, NH  
Daniel Wallace, Program Developer, Sustainable Agriculture/Food Systems, CEI, Wiscasset, ME  
Janlee Wimbrow, Asset Manager, Enterprise Community Loan Fund, Columbia, MD  
Hani White, Assets Building and Immigrant Program Manager, Women's Opportunities Resource Center, Philadelphia, PA

### **About Opportunity Finance Network**

Opportunity Finance Network (OFN) Members are community development financial institutions (CDFIs) that deliver responsible lending to help low-wealth and low-income communities join the economic mainstream. Through 2011, OFN's network originated more than \$30 billion in financing in urban, rural, and Native communities for more than 940,000 housing units, 83,000 business and microenterprises, and 9,000 community facilities. More information is available at: [www.opportunityfinance.net](http://www.opportunityfinance.net).

**About the Citi Foundation** The Citi Foundation is committed to the economic empowerment and financial inclusion of low- to moderate-income individuals and families in the communities where we work so that they can improve their standard of living. Globally, the Citi Foundation targets its strategic giving to priority focus areas: Microfinance, Enterprise Development, College Success, and Financial Capability and Asset Building. In the United States, the Citi Foundation also supports Neighborhood Revitalization programs. The Citi Foundation works with its partners in Microfinance, Enterprise Development, and Neighborhood Revitalization to support environmental programs and innovations. Additional information can be found at [www.citifoundation.com](http://www.citifoundation.com).

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