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Nonprofit Community Developers

What is a nonprofit community developer?
A nonprofit community developer could be a nonprofit community development corporation (CDC) or a nonprofit organization with demonstrated capacity for real estate development projects. Additionally, nonprofit community developers include nonprofits that have an ownership interest in a community-based real estate development project.

We’re a nonprofit community developer not based in the community of the project on which we’re working. Am I still eligible for a grant from the Pre-Development Fund?
Yes, as long as the project meets a market need and has the support of the community in which your project is located.

We’re a nonprofit community developer with a racially diverse board and staff, but we’re not led by a person of color. Can we still receive a grant from the Pre-Development Fund?
Yes, as long as your project meets the qualifications of the Pre-Development Fund and aligns with community priorities.

We’re a nonprofit community developer without a racially diverse board and staff. Can we still receive a grant from the Pre-Development Fund?
Yes, as long as your project meets the qualifications of the Pre-Development Fund and aligns with community priorities. Consider partnering with a community-based organization led by a person of color, particularly a Black and Latinx individual. The Pre-Development Fund prioritizes nonprofit community developers with racially diverse boards and staff.

Can CDFIs apply to the Pre-Development Fund?
Yes, but only in the role of “at-risk” developer. That means the CDFI is in legal ownership and involved with securing and executing the financing to support the project. CDFIs are ineligible in the role of lender.

Can CDFIs serve as the fiscal sponsor?
Yes. CDFIs can serve as fiscal sponsors to community-based developers or finance partners on the project.