

Commitment for Use Deadline

Section 1339(h)(4) of the Act states: "Amounts made available for grants under this section shall be committed for use within 2 years of the date of such allocation." The CDFJ Fund welcomes comments regarding how the term "committed" should be defined, and how it can be verified, for the purposes of this requirement.

Prohibited Uses

Section 1339(h)(5)–(6) of the Act lists prohibited uses with respect to grants awarded under this program.

Are there any additional prohibitions or limitations that should be applied? For example, there are no stated limitations regarding the portions of Capital Magnet Fund grants that may be retained by the awardee to cover operating costs. Should the CDFJ Fund permit a set portion of awards to cover operating costs? If so, what percentage of the funds should be allowed? Should awardees be restricted in the level of fees they charge to sub recipients/end-users?

Accountability of Recipients and Grantees

Section 1339(h)(8) of the Act provides for accountability standards with respect to tracking the use of award dollars, as well as remedies in the event that an awardee misuses funds.

The CDFI Fund welcomes comments on how to administer awards and monitor the deployment of funds awarded under the Capital Magnet Fund, particularly with respect to the following questions:

(a) What documentation should be required to demonstrate that funds awarded under the Capital Magnet Fund have been committed?

(b) What types of documentation should be required to demonstrate completion of projects?

(c) What types of documentation should be required to demonstrate satisfaction of the affordability requirement related to housing developed, preserved, rehabilitated, or purchased with the support of Capital Magnet Fund awards?

(d) What support, if any, would applicants and awardees like to see from the CDFI Fund at the post-award stage?

(e) What specific industry standards for impact measures (units produced, percentage of units affordable to low-income persons; time to complete; etc.) should the CDFI Fund adopt for evaluating and monitoring projects funded under the Capital Magnet Fund?

General Comments

The Fund is interested in comments regarding the types of affordable housing projects or activities for which applicants anticipate applying under the Capital Magnet Fund. Please detail the specific activity (development, preservation, rehabilitation, purchase, etc.), the populations served by this activity, the applicant's role in the activity, the sources of finance used to complete each activity, and the preferred time frame of grants received under the Capital Magnet Fund.

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 4569.

Dated: February 27, 2009.

Donna J. Gambrell.

Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

[Docket ID: OTS-2009-0001]

Open Meeting of the OTS Minority Depository Institutions Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury, Office of Thrift Supervision.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The OTS Minority Depository Institutions Advisory Committee (MDIAC) will convene its first meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, in Conference Room 6A of the Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC in Conference Room A. The public is invited to submit written statements to the MDIAC by any one of the following methods:

- *E-mail address:*

Commaffairs@ots.treas.gov; or

- *Mail:* To Cassandra McConnell, Designated Federal Official, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552 in triplicate.

The agency must receive statements no later than March 18, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cassandra McConnell, Designated Federal Official, (202) 906-5750, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By this notice, the Office of Thrift Supervision is announcing that the OTS Minority Depository Institutions Advisory Committee will convene its first meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, in Conference Room 6A at the Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the public. Because the meeting will be held in a secured facility with limited space, members of the public who plan to attend the meeting, and members of the public who require auxiliary aid, must contact the Office of Community Affairs at 202-906-7891 by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, to inform OTS of their desire to attend the meeting and to provide the information that will be required to facilitate entry into the OTS building. To enter the building, attendees should provide their full name, e-mail address, date of birth, social security number, organization, and country of citizenship. The purpose of the meeting is to advise OTS on ways to meet the goals established by section 308 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA), Public Law 101-73, Title III, 103 Stat. 353, 12 U.S.C.A. 1463 note. The goals of section 308 are to preserve the present number of minority institutions, preserve the minority character of minority-owned institutions in cases involving mergers or acquisitions, provide technical assistance, and encourage the creation of new minority institutions. The MDIAC will help OTS meet those goals by providing informed advice and recommendations regarding a range of issues involving minority depository institutions.

Dated: March 3, 2009.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Montrice Godard Yakimov,

Managing Director, Compliance and Consumer Protection.

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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open public hearing—March 24, 2009, Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Name: Carolyn Bartholomew, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, and report to Congress annually on “the national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.”

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on March 24, 2009 to address “China’s Industrial Policy and its Impact on U.S. Companies, Workers, and the American Economy.”

Background

This event is the third in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2009 report cycle to collect input from leading academic, industry, and government experts on national security implications of the U.S. bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The March 24 hearing will examine the China’s pillar and strategic industries, China’s use of incentives to attract investment into its pillar and strategic industries, China’s

telecommunications and information technology (IT) industries, and China’s nanotechnology and optoelectronics industries.

The March 24 hearing will be Co-chaired by Commissioners Patrick A. Mulloy and Daniel M. Slane.

Information on hearings, as well as transcripts of past Commission hearings, can be obtained from the USCC Web Site <http://www.uscc.gov>.

Copies of the hearing agenda will be made available on the Commission’s Web Site <http://www.uscc.gov> as soon as available. Any interested party may file a written statement by March 24, 2009, by mailing to the contact below. On March 24, the hearing will be held in two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. A portion of each panel will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, March 24, 2009, 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the Commission’s Web site at <http://www.uscc.gov> in the near future.

ADDRESSES: The address will be posted to the USCC Web Site <http://www.uscc.gov> as soon as a hearing room is assigned.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the hearing should contact Kathy Michels, Associate Director for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 602, Washington DC 20001; phone: 202-624-1409, or via e-mail at kmichels@uscc.gov.

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: March 3, 2009.

Kathleen J. Michels,

Associate Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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