

the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the applications submitted in response to this NOFA.

**DATES:** Shortly following the publication of this NOFA, the Fund will make available the FY 2003 funding application on its Web site at <http://www.cdfifund.gov>. Applicants may download the application from the Fund's Web site or request application packages by contacting the Fund, as described below.

The Fund will accept and review applications under this NACD Program NOFA as they are submitted and in the order in which they are submitted. Applications may be submitted at any time, commencing with the date of the publication of this NOFA. Applications must be received in the specific Bureau of the Public Debt—Franchise Services (BPD) office designated below not later than 5:00 p.m. ET on May 31, 2004. Any applicant whose application is declined may submit a new application before May 31, 2004. Applications received in the specific BPD office designated below after that date and time will be rejected and returned to the sender.

Applications sent by facsimile or e-mail will not be accepted; however, an electronic application may be made available for this NOFA at a later date and, if so, its availability and related guidance will be announced on the Fund's Web site.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be sent to: CDFI Fund Awards Manager, NACD Program, Bureau of Public Debt—Franchising, 200 Third Street, Room 211, Parkersburg, WV 26101. The telephone number to be used in conjunction with overnight mailings to this address is (304) 480-5450.

Applications will not be accepted at the Fund's offices. Applications received in the Fund's offices will be rejected and returned to the sender.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have any questions about the programmatic requirements for this program, contact the Fund's Program Operations Manager. If you have questions regarding administrative requirements, contact the Fund's Awards Manager. The Program Operations Manager and the Awards Manager may be reached by e-mail at [cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov](mailto:cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov), by telephone at (202) 622-6355, by facsimile at (202) 622-7754, or by mail at CDFI Fund, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005. These are not toll free numbers. Applications and other information regarding the Fund and its programs may be downloaded and printed from the Fund's Web site at <http://www.cdfifund.gov> or requested by

contacting the Fund, as described above. Allow at least one to two weeks from the date the Fund receives the request for receipt of the application.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Eligibility**

The NACD Program application specifies the eligibility requirements that each applicant must meet in order to be eligible to apply for assistance under this NOFA. The following sets forth some additional detail and certain additional dates that relate to the submission of applications under this NOFA:

(1) *Eligible Applicants:* Eligible applicants for the NACD Program consist of:

(a) Category I, meaning Tribes, Tribal entities and nonprofit organizations that primarily (at least 50 percent of activities directed toward) serve Native American, Alaska Native and/or Native Hawaiian populations including:

(i) Tribes, Tribal entities, Alaska Native Villages, Village Corporations, Regional Corporations, Non-Profit Regional Corporations/Associations, or Inter-Tribal or Inter-Village organizations; and

(ii) non-profit community organizations engaged in related activities, including, but not limited to: Community development corporations (CDCs), training or educational organizations, Tribally-Controlled Community Colleges, Chambers of Commerce, or Urban Indian Centers that serve primarily a Native American, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian Community (such entities were referred to as Category II applicants under the FY 2002 NACTA Component); and

(b) Category II, meaning TA providers or other suitable providers, including:

(i) TA providers such as firms that provide training or TA in community development finance or that specialize in economic development in Native American, Alaska Native and/or Native Hawaiian communities, and

(ii) other suitable providers, as defined by the Fund, that include, but are not limited to: CDCs, certified CDFIs, or organizations with experience and expertise in banking and lending in Native American, Alaska Native and/or Native Hawaiian communities) (such entities were referred to as Category III applicants under the FY 2002 NACTA Component).

Any applicant, under Category II above, including CDFIs, that does not serve primarily a Native American, Alaska Native and/or Native Hawaiian community must identify a Native American Partner that serves primarily a Native American, Alaska Native and/or

Native Hawaiian community and with which the applicant will work with to establish a CDFI in the Native American Partner's community or service area that in turn will serve primarily a Native American, Alaska Native and/or Native Hawaiian community. The Native American Partner must be a party to both the application for funding and the Assistance Agreement, if the applicant is selected for funding. Category II applicants may propose to serve more than one Native American, Alaska Native and/or Native Hawaiian community. If more than one such communities are to be served, then more than one Native American Partner may be a party to the application and the Assistance Agreement, as long as such Native American Partner(s) is representative of the predominance (plurality) of the market to be served by the proposed CDFI. If not, the Fund may require that the applicant obtain additional Native American Partner(s).

(2) *Certification:* For purposes of this NACD Program NOFA, eligible applicants must establish entities that will become Fund-certified CDFIs by January 31, 2006 (for applications received by May 31, 2003) or by January 31, 2007 (for applications received between June 1, 2003 and May 31, 2004). Applicants may obtain CDFI certification applications through the Fund's Web site at <http://www.cdfifund.gov>.

(3) *Designation of Targeted Population:* For purposes of this NOFA, the Fund will use the following definitions, set forth in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Notice, Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity (October 30, 1997):

(a) American Indian, Native American or Alaska Native: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment; and

(b) Native Hawaiian: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii.

(4) *Previous Awardees:* Applicants must be aware that success in a previous round of the CDFI Program or the NACTA Program is not indicative of success under this NOFA. Previous awardees are eligible to apply under this NOFA, except as follows:

(a) the Fund is generally prohibited from obligating more than \$5 million in assistance, in the aggregate, to any one CDFI and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates during any three-year period (further guidance on the calculation of the \$5