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## **CDFA Announces Excellence in Development Finance Innovation Award —Presented to Colorado Creative Industries—**

Columbus, OH – The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce Colorado Creative Industries as the winner of the 2015 CDFA Excellence in Development Finance Innovation Award.

The CDFA Excellence in Development Finance Awards recognize outstanding development finance programs, agencies, leaders, projects and success stories. These awards honor excellence in the use of financing tools for economic development, as well as individuals who champion these efforts.

In July 2010, Colorado's new Creative Industries Division merged the former Council on the Arts, Office of Film, Television and Media, and Art in Public Places program to capitalize on the immense potential for the state's creative sector to drive economic growth in Colorado. Part of the state Office of Economic Development, Colorado Creative Industries promotes, supports, and expands the creative industries to drive Colorado's economy, grow jobs, and enhance quality of life in Colorado. Over three million people visited Colorado creative districts in 2014, generating \$135 million in revenue.

"CDFA is proud to honor Colorado Creative Industries for excellence in development finance. CCI is a unique, statewide emphasis on the extraordinary contribution the arts sector makes to economic success," said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA.

The CDFA Excellence in Development Finance Awards will be formally presented at the 2015 CDFA National Development Finance Summit, in Charleston, SC on November 5.

The **Council of Development Finance Agencies** is a national association dedicated to the advancement of development finance concerns and interests. CDFA is comprised of the nation's leading and most knowledgeable members of the development finance community representing public, private and non-profit entities alike. For more information about CDFA, visit [www.cdfa.net](http://www.cdfa.net).

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