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Noelle Sheets Named New CDFA Foundation Director

—CDFA Foundation Launched Responding to Community Need—

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce that **CDFA Senior Director of Development Noelle Sheets** has been named the Director of the **CDFA Foundation**. Ms. Sheets's appointment was formally announced during a special ceremony at the 2023 CDFA National Development Finance Summit in Philadelphia, PA, on November 9.

"After years of dedicated research identifying inequities specifically in the development finance community, CDFA was proud to launch the Foundation in 2022. And with Noelle as our new Director, we will lead the Foundation into the future," said **CDFA President & CEO Toby Rittner**. "Noelle has served CDFA and its members for many years, and I have no doubt that she will demonstrate the Foundation's goals of building equitable and inclusive opportunities through her exceptional ability to connect with people and communities."

The CDFA Foundation focuses on building equitable and inclusive opportunities for socially and economically disadvantaged individuals and communities working in and engaging with the development finance industry. As part of its mission, the CDFA Foundation manages the **Scholarship Program** and the **Caren S. Franzini Fellowship Program** and is excited to roll out additional services in 2024.

"I am honored and excited to take on this role at the CDFA Foundation, which is truly a unique opportunity to champion positive, equitable, and inclusive involvement within the development finance community," said Sheets.

Ms. Sheets joined CDFA in 2019, bringing a broad range of skills and over 20 years of experience collaborating with stakeholders through strategic partnerships that achieved shared goals and outcomes, including with the State Science & Technology Institute (SSTI), the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) of Central Ohio, and the Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland.

As Senior Director of Development, Ms. Sheets leads CDFA's Development Division and is responsible for cultivating, building, and enhancing CDFA's strategic relationships. She is skilled at connecting with people authentically and positively, leading to effective collaboration and shared success. In this role, she oversees conference logistics, sponsorship, membership, and partnership efforts and acts as CDFA's Board Liaison. Ms. Sheets holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations from Capital University.

Visit cdfafoundation.org to learn more about the CDFA Foundation's goals and resources.

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