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CDFA Recognizes Aaron Hufford, DFCP

—Newest Graduate of the Prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program —

Dublin, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce Aaron Hufford, Executive Director of Development for the City of Hamilton, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Mr. Hufford joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as the most qualified leaders in the development finance industry.

“CDFA is always looking to engage the best and brightest in development finance with this program, and we are happy to welcome Aaron into the ranks of DFCP graduates,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP, and President & CEO of CDFA. “Our hope is that through their participation in the DFCP program, graduates leave ready to employ development finance tools in the communities they work in. We look forward to seeing what Aaron will accomplish in his career.”

Mr. Hufford serves as Executive Director of Development for the City of Hamilton, Ohio, leading the City's economic development efforts as well as its Building and Finance Departments. Since joining the City in 2013, he has partnered with developers, businesses, and community leaders to advance investment and economic growth through a range of public-private development initiatives, including brownfield redevelopment, TIF, community reinvestment incentives, PACE financing, and historic redevelopment. He was named a 2023 Cincy Magazine Power 100 Rising Star.

Mr. Hufford holds an M.S. in Social and Applied Economics and a B.S. in Business Economics from Wright State University and is a graduate of Leadership ICMA and the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia.

Outside of work, Mr. Hufford enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters and staying active through golf, running, basketball, and tennis.

CDFA's Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program is an intense training course learning experience designed to produce graduates with a comprehensive knowledge of development finance concepts, tools, and applicability, as well as a deep understanding of the entire development finance spectrum. Graduates of the DFCP Program gain valuable knowledge and experience within the complex development finance industry and achieve a level of understanding unmatched by any other professional certification program.

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