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CDFA Recognizes Ethan Barnhardt, 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 Ethan Barnhardt, Management Analyst at the City of New Albany, Ohio, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Mr. Barnhardt joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as the most qualified leaders in the development finance industry.

“CDFA is proud to celebrate the professionals who pursue the DFCP designation and expand their expertise in development finance,” said Toby Rittner, DFCP, President & CEO of CDFA. “We are excited to welcome Ethan to the growing network of DFCP graduates. This program provides participants with practical knowledge and tools to apply development finance strategies in the communities they serve. We look forward to seeing the impact Ethan will make throughout his career.”

Mr. Barnhardt is a local government professional with experience in municipal finance, economic development, and public administration. He serves as a Management Analyst in the Finance Department for the City of New Albany, Ohio, where he manages the fiscal administration of economic development incentives and revenue-sharing agreements.

His responsibilities include tax increment financing, community reinvestment area abatements, payments in lieu of taxes, and community authority charges. He develops financial models and municipal revenue projections, monitors incentive compliance, and coordinates statutory reporting. Working closely with community development staff, legal counsel, township and county officials, and school district partners, he helps translate complex financial and contractual requirements into practical tools and consistent administrative processes.

Prior to joining New Albany, Mr. Barnhardt served as Management Assistant and Special Projects Coordinator for the City of Worthington, where he began as a graduate student intern.

Mr. Barnhardt holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Clemson University and a Master of Public Administration from The Ohio State University's John Glenn College of Public Affairs. He is a graduate of Leadership New Albany, and his community leadership includes service as Chair of the City of Gahanna, Ohio's 2026 Charter Review Commission.

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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