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CDFA Announces Winners of the CDFA Oregon Financing Roundtable Excellence Awards —Winners to be recognized at annual Oregon Conference in October—

Columbus, OH - The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce the winners of the 2015 CDFA Oregon Financing Roundtable Excellence Awards.

“Each year CDFA is proud to honor excellence in development finance. The work of our award winners is cutting edge, innovative, and an example of best practices in our industry,” said Toby Rittner, CDFA President & CEO.

The CDFA Oregon Financing Roundtable Excellence Awards recognize outstanding development finance programs, agencies, projects, and success stories. These awards, presented at the CDFA Oregon Financing Roundtable Conference, honor excellence in the use of financing tools for economic development, as well as the individuals who champion those efforts. This year’s honorees are:

CDFA Excellence Award: Agency – Portland Development Commission

CDFA is proud to award the Portland Development Commission (PDC) with the CDFA Excellence Award for Agency. PDC has numerous programs dedicated to economic development finance, including programs designed to drive innovation and entrepreneurship, maximize competitiveness, build cluster development, and foster neighborhood business vitality. Operating as the urban renewal and economic development arm for the City of Portland, PDC has helped create equitable economic conditions directed at improving quality of life of its residents and addressing economic opportunity.

CDFA Excellence Award: Program – Main Street Seed Fund –City of Beaverton

The CDFA Excellence Award for Program will be presented to the City of Beaverton for its Main Street Seed Fund. Eligible organizations can apply for up to \$2,000 for projects that demonstrate the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Main Street Approach to downtown revitalization. The program is designed to address neighborhood economic development in the City, with an emphasis on downtown revitalization projects.

CDFA Excellence Award: Project – Investing in Conservation by Craft3

The CDFA Excellence Award for Project will recognize Craft3 for its investments in Conservation. Over the last 21 years, nonprofit CDFI lender Craft3 has invested over \$117 million in 3,798 people and organizations that conserve land and working landscapes, reduce impact on climate change and improve water quality and supply.

The CDFA Oregon Financing Roundtable Excellence Awards will be formally presented at the 2015 CDFA Oregon Financing Roundtable Conference in Portland, Oregon on October 15.

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.

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