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Village Capital Corporation awarded a \$1.5 million grant from US Treasury

June 22, 2021 - Village Capital Corporation, the Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) subsidiary of Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, has been awarded a \$1.5 million grant from U.S. Treasury to support its work to help historically disinvested communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In an announcement made by Vice President, Kamala Harris, the grants made through U.S Treasury CDFI Rapid Response Program (CDFI RRP) will provide the necessary capital for CDFI's to respond to economic challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly in underserved communities.

The CDFI RRP grant funds will be used to support eligible activities such as financial products, financial services, development services, and certain operational activities, and to enable CDFIs to build capital reserves and loan-loss reserves.

These funds will strengthen Village Capital's commitment to advancing equitable development in the region, investing in asset and wealth-building in under-resourced neighborhoods, and providing technical assistance and loan capital to real estate development and contracting firms led by women and people of color. VCC President, Dione Alexander stated that "this flexible capital is critical to Village Capital's mission of creating opportunities for community and economic development in Cleveland focusing on improving outcomes for both place and people."

"In serving places that the financial sector historically hasn't served well, CDFIs lift our whole economy up. We know that for every dollar injected into a CDFI, it catalyzes eight more dollars in private-sector investment, meaning that today's announcement might lead to an additional \$10 billion in investment," said Secretary Janet Yellen. "The President and the Vice President ran on a very ambitious agenda – 'Build Back Better,' unwinding systemic racism, creating an economy that works for everyone. I believe this is what that looks like in practice. By channeling more capital into CDFIs, we are translating those ideals into reality."

Village Capital Corporation congratulates three other Cleveland-based grant awardees: Greater Cleveland Community Credit Union, Inc., Cleveland Development Advisors Community Reinvestment Fund, Inc., and Faith Community United Credit Union. See the full list of recipients [here](#). Read more about the announcement [here](#).

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