

CDFIS: SUPPORTING AMERICAN VETERANS

Expanding Opportunity for Those Who Served

Many veterans entering civilian life face challenges securing stable housing, business ownership, and affordable credit. The following case studies highlight how CDFIs provide targeted financing and hands-on support that help veterans build financial stability, start and grow businesses, and secure safe housing for their families.

From a national Veteran Loan Fund platform supported by twelve CDFIs addressing a \$100 million capital shortfall for veteran entrepreneurs, to a New Hampshire father who became a homeowner with just 2 percent down after sustained credit coaching, to the redevelopment of a Las Vegas motel into 56 affordable homes for veterans, these stories demonstrate the breadth of CDFI engagement. Additional examples show how CDFI financing supports veteran service organizations and facilities, ensuring that those who have served have access to housing, community, and opportunity.

Annual Impact

- CDFIs provide financial products and services to hundreds of thousands of veterans each year, including veteran-owned businesses, homeownership loans, technical assistance, consumer lending, and support to safety-net providers supporting veterans.

THE VETERAN LOAN FUND

A CDFI-LED PLATFORM SUPPORTING VETERAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH

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The Veteran Loan Fund is an online platform supported by twelve CDFIs that connects military veterans and their spouses with mission-focused business lenders and education partners. The fund's goal is to scale its impact to address the \$100 million+ capital shortfall faced by military veterans and their spouses when starting or growing their small businesses.

