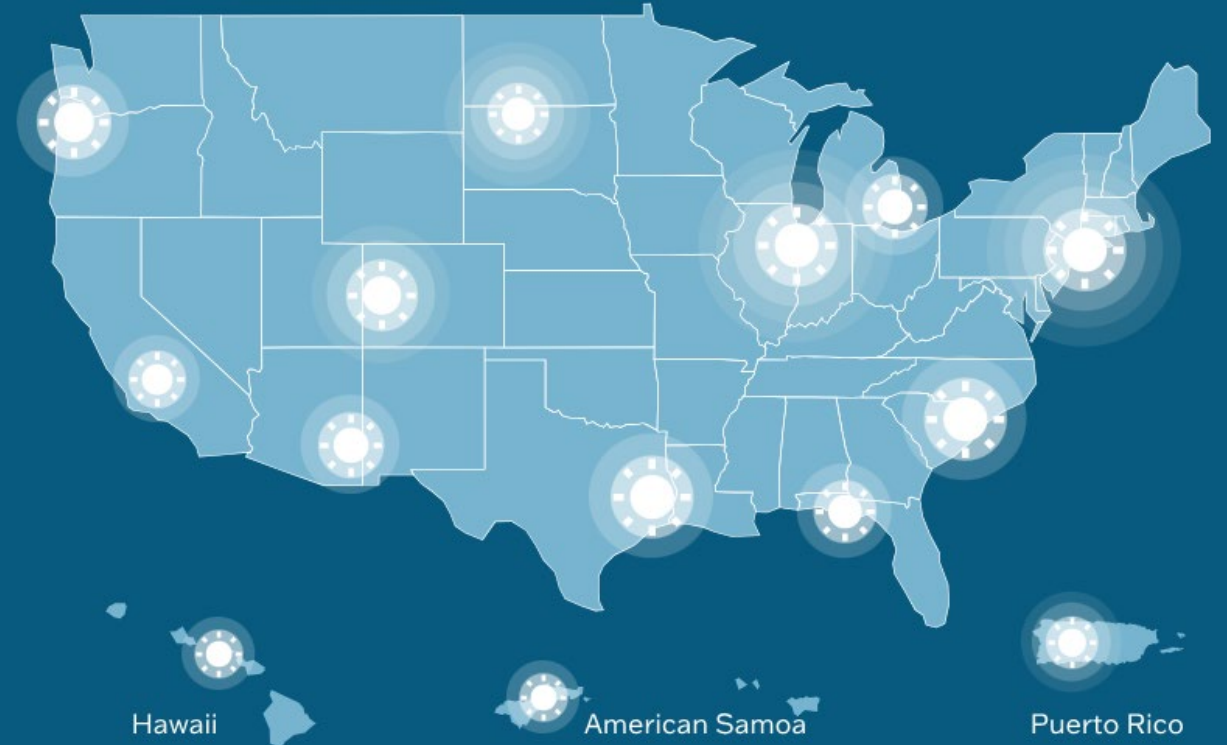


Community Power Accelerator

Connecting capital providers with distributed solar and storage developers to accelerate access to affordable energy



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BERKELEY LAB

The Community Power Accelerator has moved to The Milken Institute's Community Infrastructure Center!



- What's stayed the same:
 - Core functionality as well as existing profile and project data will remain intact
 - Platform will remain free to use
- What's expanded:
 - Broader network of user and project types
 - Access to grant and financing matching tools
 - More opportunities to participate in finance forums and deal-focused convenings

What has been on the Marketplace?

Legacy Projects on the platform:

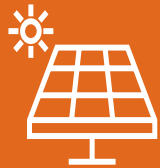
- Distributed solar up to 5MW (840 homes average, [SEIA](#))
- Project Types:
 - Community solar,
 - Commercial and Industrial (C&I),
 - Aggregations of residential solar,
 - Virtual Power Plants (VPPs),
 - Microgrids, and
 - other distributed solar + storage projects

Community Power Accelerator Services and Resources



MARKETPLACE (Now at Milken Institute's Community Infrastructure Center)

- Developers, project sponsors, capital providers, and service providers have access to an online platform for various types of community infrastructure projects



ACCELERATOR LAB (Now at Lincoln Institute of Land Policy | Center for Impact Finance)

- Multiple online instructor led, and self-passed solar development courses (community solar 101, Commercial and Industrial Solar, Virtual Power Plant, Microgrid development)...
- Free-of-charge, self-paced, online courses open to all.



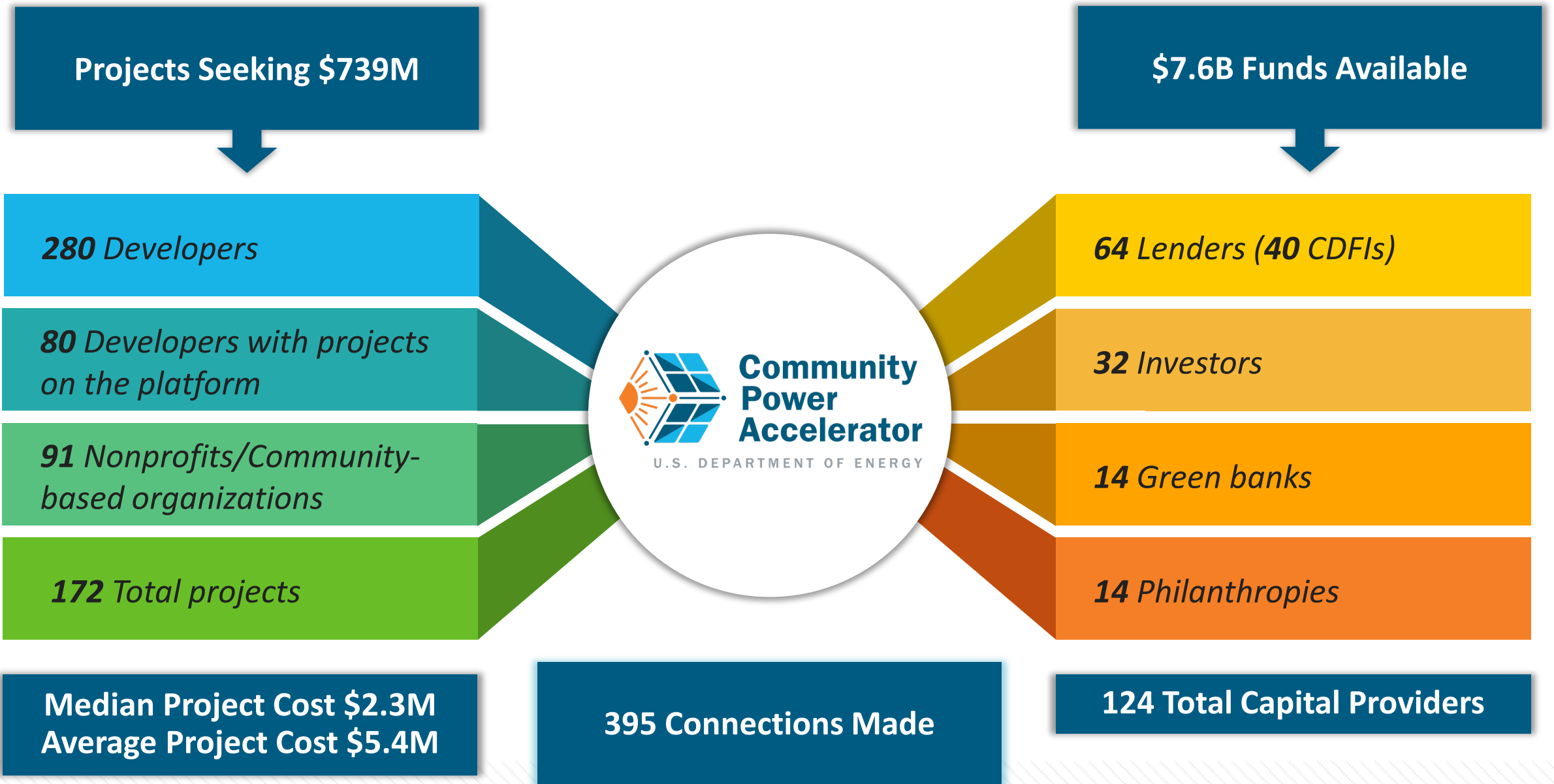
CREDIT READY CHECKLIST

- Helps developers complete all the requirements to pitch robust, credit-ready projects
- A revamped credit-ready checklist to support informed decision making!



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Resources and direct technical assistance from DOE, National Labs, and other experts



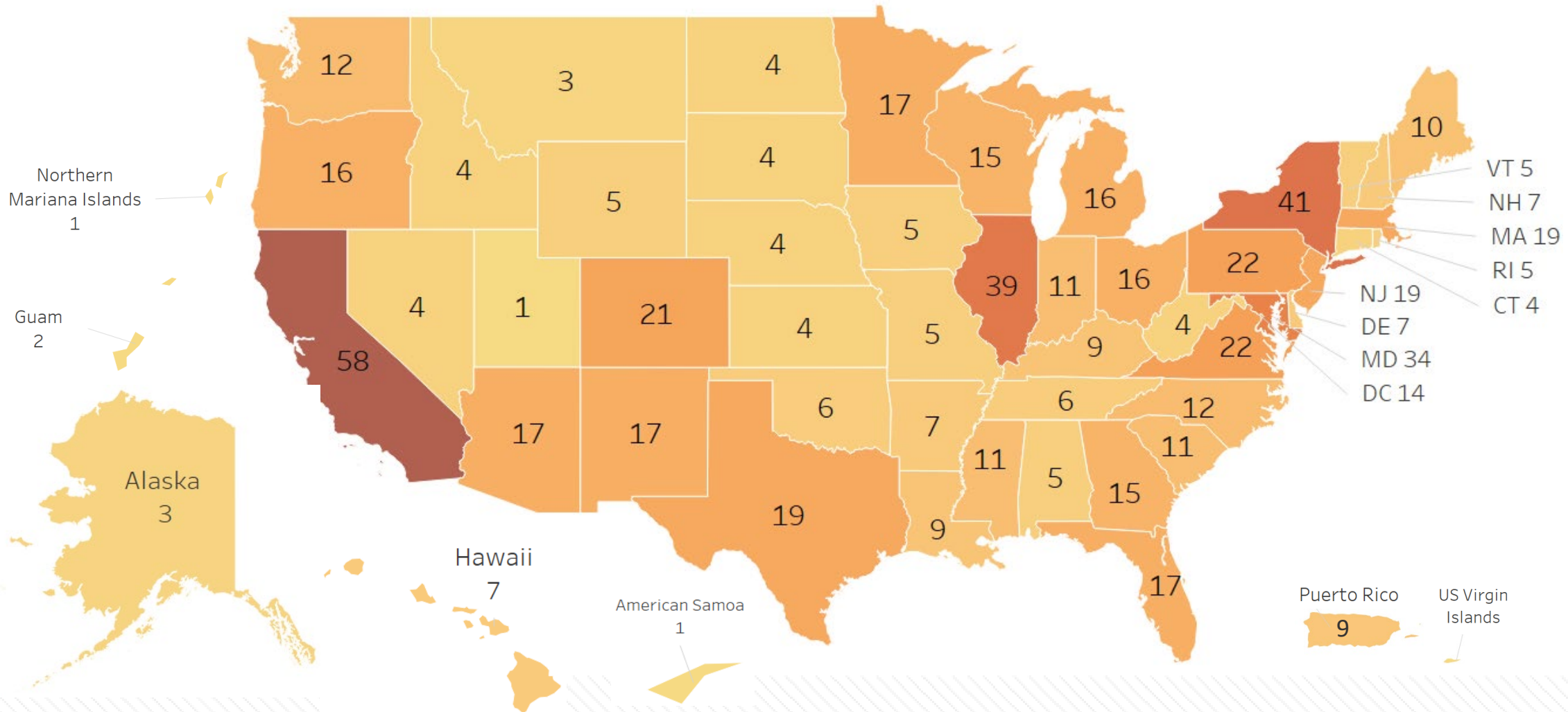
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Developers on the Accelerator

25 developers operate nationwide.

Numbers in each state represent local/regional developers.

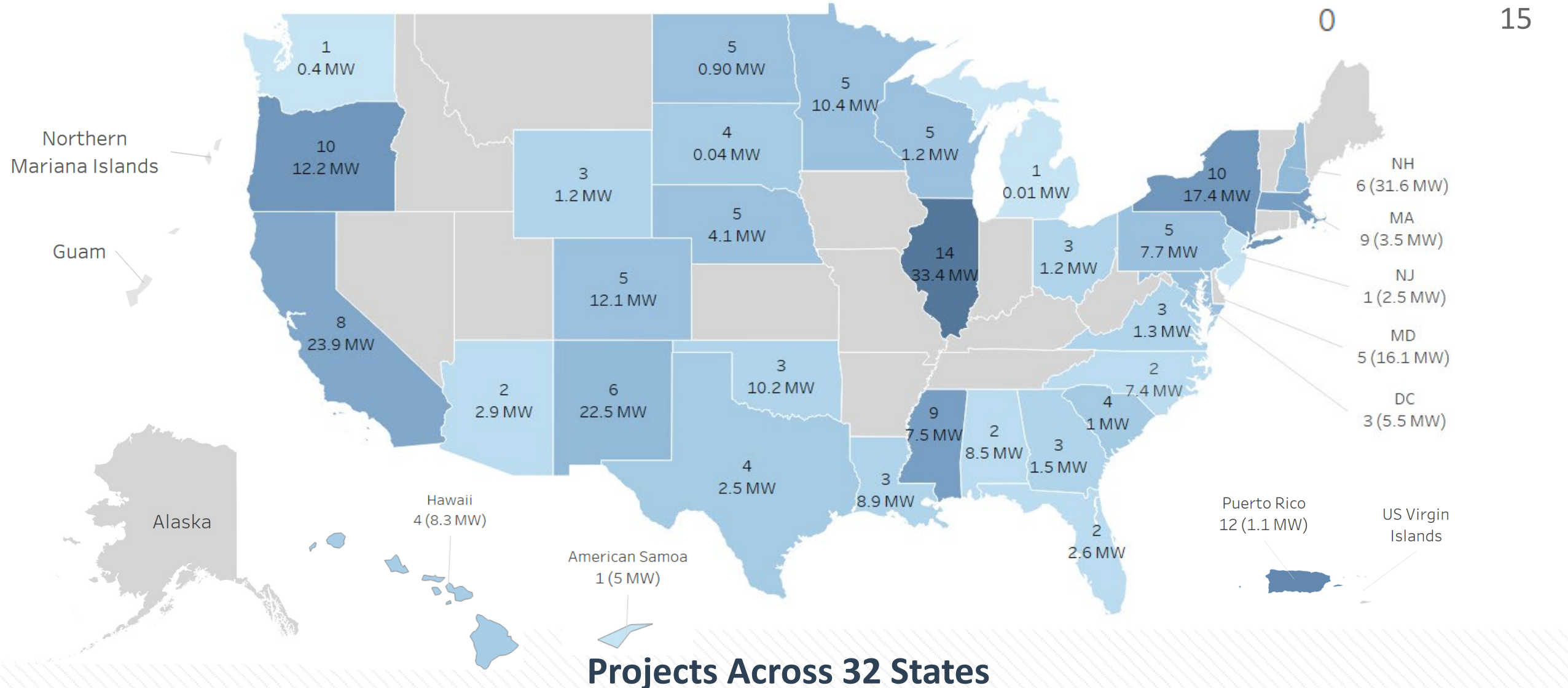
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Projects on the Accelerator

Total # of Projects: 178, Total Capacity: 342 MW

Total Number of
Projects in State

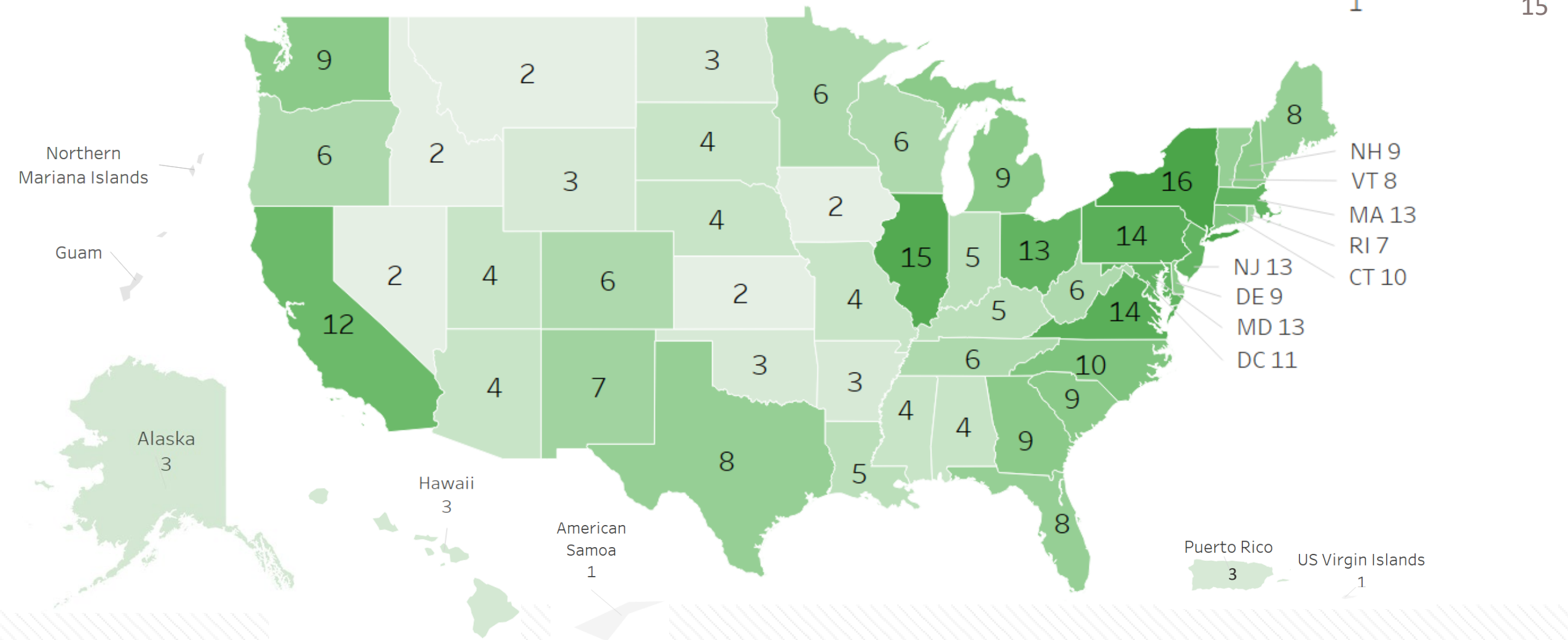


Capital Providers on the Accelerator

60 capital providers operate nationally.

Numbers in each state represent local/regional capital providers

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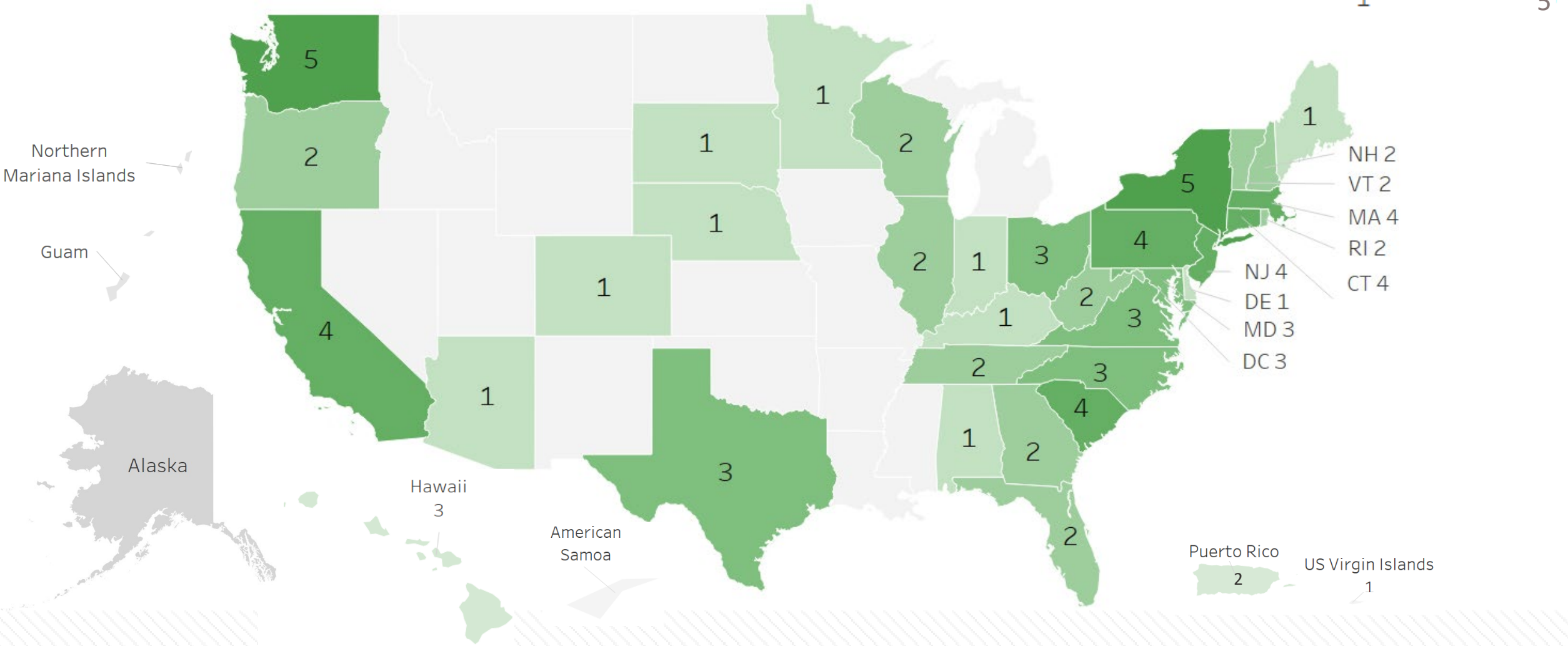


CDFIs on the Accelerator

11 CDFIs operate nationally.

Numbers in each state represent local/regional capital providers

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An Accelerator Success Story: Lake Elmo Solar Garden

“If not for CPA, this project would not have happened. We wouldn’t have found CEF [Cooperative Energy Futures], and they wouldn’t have found us.”

—Matt Brennan, CollectiveSun (CPA Capital Provider)



Lake Elmo Solar Garden, outside of St. Paul, Minnesota.
Photos from Cooperative Energy Futures



1.2 MW



Serving 200+ Households



15-20% savings



\$2.3 M loan

Scan to read
the case study
from The
Kresge
Foundation



kresge.org/resource/the-community-power-accelerator-solar-case-study/

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