

## **Upgraded CDFI Information Mapping System Coming Soon to CDFI Fund Website**

CIMS4 will be available to users beginning December 21st

The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) is launching the next version of its CDFI Information Mapping System (CIMS4). The updated mapping system, which replaces CIMS3, will be available for use beginning December 21, 2020. CIMS4 will be unavailable from Friday, December 19, 2020 8:00PM ET until Monday, December 21, 2020 5:00AM ET while the upgrade takes place.

The web-based tool allows organizations interested in applying for Certification as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) or Community Development Entity (CDE), or for one of the CDFI Fund's award programs, to visually plot their eligible service areas and investments. CIMS4 improves upon past mapping performance, provides an increased degree of usability, and direct integration with the CDFI Fund's Awards Management Information System (AMIS). New and improved features of the system include:

- Easy-to-use interface, buttons, and workflows.
- Tooltips, guides, and help built right into the system. No need to read long help manuals.
- Users can complete most work directly in AMIS and then use CIMS4 to validate mapping data.
- No need to access myCDFI—seamless login with AMIS.

## **Public Access to CIMS4**

Beginning December 21<sup>st</sup>, CDFIs, CDEs, and the general public can access a limited version of CIMS4 at <a href="www.cdfifund.gov/mapping">www.cdfifund.gov/mapping</a>. Access to the full functionality of CIMS4 will be available directly from an AMIS user's account.

## Help and Guidance for Current and New Users

The CDFI Fund's IT Help Desk line, at (202) 653-0422, <a href="mailto:AMIS@cdfi.treas.gov">AMIS@cdfi.treas.gov</a>, or AMIS Service Request, will be available to assist users with the transition to the new system.

In addition, a detailed User Guide and recorded walkthrough will also be available on the CIMS webpage on the CDFI Fund's website by December 21<sup>st</sup>. This is in addition to the

'Help' features within CIMS4 itself. Users should regularly check the CIMS4 page at <a href="https://www.cdfifund.gov/mapping">www.cdfifund.gov/mapping</a> for updated guidance information.

For more information about the CDFI Fund and its programs, please visit <a href="www.cdfifund.gov">www.cdfifund.gov</a>.