

Co-ops Contribute to a Sustainable Economy



Co-ops are unique businesses that are owned and controlled by their members - the people who use their services - and exist to serve the needs of their communities. However, cooperatives are not as uncommon as you may think, and their impact on our economy is dramatic. For example, the National Cooperative Business Association estimates that here in the U.S. there are:

- Over 21,000 co-ops
- With more than 127 million members
- Employing over 500,000 people, and
- Generating an annual revenue of \$211 billion

Cooperatives are democratic enterprises rooted in local communities. But their positive impact reaches out into their region and even the world.



Learn more about co-ops at www.go.coop.



INTERESTED IN EQUITY FOR YOUR CO-OP?

The **A-B-C-D's** of a CCF Investment for Your Co-op

Application forms are available at www.coopcapital.coop.

Before you apply, contact CCF at 800-818-7833.

Committee reviews applications.

Decision is made in 8 to 10 weeks.

INTERESTED IN INVESTING IN CCF?

- Check out our Prospectus at: www.coopcapital.coop
- Contact us to see if CCF meets your social investment needs: 800-818-7833.
- Investors select from a range of rates.

To inquire about becoming an investor or donor in CCF, or to learn more about how CCF can provide equity for your co-op, please contact us at info@coopcapital.coop.

You'll be joining co-ops including those listed below that are already supporting CCF.



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CCF supports new and existing cooperative and democratically owned and controlled enterprises, with preference to those that serve low income communities through...



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What is the Cooperative Capital Fund?

The Cooperative Capital Fund (CCF) is one of the first organizations of its kind in the U.S. A newly-established sister fund of the Cooperative Fund of New England (CFNE), CCF is a source of patient equity-like capital for new and expanding co-ops.

For over 30 years, CFNE has been putting its social investors' money to work in our region, providing loans to cooperatives, democratic employee-owned businesses, and community-based nonprofits.

While CFNE's purpose is as a loan fund, years of experience has led us to recognize that co-ops often need additional equity for start-up and periods of growth. CCF was therefore launched in 2007 as an independent organization to augment CFNE's lending and to provide these enterprises with additional capital to help them grow their business without giving up control or paying high fees.



Why Invest in Cooperation?

"I believe co-ops are essential to further progress on human rights, poverty, workers rights, democracy and other social issues... Those were the most compelling arguments in favor of supporting the fund."

- CCF Investor



The cooperative economy is a web of democratically owned and controlled enterprises and support organizations. Guided by cooperative principles that emphasize solidarity and mutual support, co-ops often work together to promote democratic and sustainable economic development.

CCF provides a new way to support co-ops. By investing in the Fund, you can support the launch of new initiatives and the expansion of existing enterprises in our region in a way that reflects your values.

We have raised first loss funds to protect investors. We are looking for investment funds from co-ops, individuals, and institutions. When you make an investment in CCF, we put that investment to work helping people to help themselves through co-operative enterprise.

...the provision of equity-like capital at reasonable rates and terms, with respect for the democratic owners and managers of the enterprise;

...the development of an investment opportunity that promotes cooperative enterprise;

...the creation of a mechanism through which cooperatives can invest in the development and expansion of cooperative businesses in our region;

...the creation of an opportunity to invest for "social return" in addition to economic return.

....Cooperative Capital Fund mission statement