



# *CUNA Issue Summary*

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND (CDRLF)**

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**ISSUE:** The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) successfully administers the Community Development Revolving Loan Fund program (CDRLF), which is used to provide low-interest loans and technical assistance grants to low income designated credit unions. It was created in 1979 and transferred to NCUA administration in 1986. These small credit unions offer services like free income tax preparation and financial literacy classes. Within NCUA, the Office of Small Credit Union Initiatives administers the fund. Since FY 2001, Congress has recognized the importance of CDRLF, and has provided annual appropriations for the program.

**CUNA POSITION:** CUNA is strongly supportive of the CDRLF program and advocates full funding from the annual appropriations process. The CDRLF plays an essential role in the success of Access Across America, an NCUA initiative designed to reach out to underserved communities and create economic empowerment. An increased appropriation for CDRLF will enhance the growth and long-term viability of credit unions in underserved and low-income communities.

**STATUS/OUTLOOK:** On July 16, 2009, the House of Representatives passed the *Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act* for fiscal year 2010. It increases funding for the CDRLF in FY 2010 from \$1 million to \$1,250,000, thanks to an amendment offered by Congressman Alcee Hastings (D-FL). On July 9, 2009, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed S. 1432, its version of the bill, with CDRLF funding level at \$1 million. The Senate is expected to vote on S. 1432 in mid-September. CUNA will lobby Senators to increase CDRLF funding by \$250,000, to make it equal to the House version of the bill.

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### **RELATED DOCUMENTS:**

[July 14, 2009: Letter from CUNA President and CEO Dan Mica to Rep. Alcee Hastings \(D-FL\) regarding his amendment to the Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act to increase funding to the CDRLF by \\$250,000](#)

[May 19, 2009: Letter from CUNA President and CEO Dan Mica to House Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee Chairman Jose Serrano \(D-NY\) and Ranking Member Jo Ann Emerson \(R-MO\) in support of NCUA's Appropriations Request for the Central Liquidity Facility and the Community Development Revolving Loan Program](#)

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