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## CDFA Recognizes Brendan Barry, DFCP

—Newest Graduate of the Prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program —

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to welcome Brendan Barry, a valued member of the CDFA team, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Mr. Barry joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as emerging leaders in the development finance industry.

“CDFA is always looking to engage the best and brightest in development finance with this program, and we are proud to have another member of the CDFA team join the ranks of DFCP graduates,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA. “Our hope has always been to produce graduates that are ready to tackle the critical development finance issues that exist in communities and Brendan truly embodies that goal.”

Brendan Barry is a Coordinator of Research & Technical Assistance at CDFA. His areas of focus include tribal finance, tax increment finance, brownfields finance, cannabis finance, and federal finance programs. Mr. Barry manages the CDFA Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program for Tribal Communities; a program designed to assist tribal communities access financing for their community facilities infrastructure by utilizing the USDA's Community Facilities Program and other development finance tools. He also contributed to the CDFA *Practitioner's Guide to Economic Development Finance 3rd Edition*, the National Development Finance Summit, numerous policy papers, and various internal projects. Mr. Barry received a Bachelor of Science in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University and is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

CDFA's Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program is an intense training course learning experience and is the industry's only comprehensive development finance professional certification program. The DFCP Program is designed to produce graduates with a comprehensive knowledge of development finance concepts, tools, and applicability as well as a deep understanding of the entire development finance spectrum. Graduates of the DFCP Program gain valuable knowledge and experience within the complex development finance industry and achieve a level of understanding unmatched by any other professional certification program.

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