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2019 CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award

—CDFA Announces Recipient of 2019 CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award—

Columbus, OH - The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce the recipient of the **2019 CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award**. This year's winner was formally presented the award during a special ceremony at the CDFA National Development Finance Summit, in Tampa, Florida on November 7, 2019.

In 2011, the CDFA Board of Directors created the CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award to recognize individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the development finance industry throughout their professional careers. In order to be eligible, candidates must have made innovative and lasting contributions that impact the way development finance programs are operated, managed, and administered. Individuals may also be eligible for the award if they have made significant legislative contributions to the advancement of new development finance tools, strategies, and approaches. This year's recipient is **James Carras, Principal at Carras Community Investment, Inc.**

James Carras is Principal of Carras Community Investment, Inc., a development finance consulting firm in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. James is also a lecturer at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government where he teaches a graduate seminar in "Policy Making in Urban Settings." James is recognized nationally for the creation and expansion of over fifty development finance institutions, community development organizations and community investment initiatives. He previously served as the Founding Executive Director of the National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders, the Founding President of the Broward Housing Partnership and the South Florida Community Land Trust.

Prior to establishing his consulting business, he served as a Community Development Advisor to the Mayor of Boston and was the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Urban Reinvestment Advisory Group where he was awarded the John Hay Whitney Fellowship.

James has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Urban Sociology from Suffolk University in Boston. He completed his graduate work at Tufts University's Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and received a Master's Degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in Public Administration.

CDFA is honored to present **James Carras** with this prestigious honor as the **2019 CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award** winner.

Learn more about the Carras Community Investment online at [Carras Community Investment](http://CarrasCommunityInvestment.com)

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