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## CDFA Recognizes Ariel Miller, 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 Ariel Miller, a valued member of the CDFA team, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. A new graduate, Ms. Miller joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as the most qualified leaders in the development finance industry.

“I’m continually impressed with the work that Ariel has done and 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 Ariel truly embodies that goal.”

Ariel Miller is a Director of Research & Technical Assistance within CDFA. Her research topics include revolving loan funds, access to capital for underserved borrowers, infrastructure finance, and public-private partnerships. She has also contributed to CDFA's food finance research, data collection, and publications demonstrating how development finance agencies can become more engaged in restoring local and regional food systems. Ms. Miller received her Master of City and Regional Planning degree from The Ohio State University, where she also earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology.

As part of CDFA's comprehensive education resources, the Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program is an intensive training course and learning experience which serves as the industry's only comprehensive development finance certification program. CDFA's 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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