



Opportunity Finance Network: Member Profile



Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation Shawnee, OK

The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation (CPCDC) was founded in 2003 by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN) to create economic opportunities in its community. Widely regarded as a leading Native community development financial institution, CPCDC serves CPN members nationwide and all Native Americans throughout Oklahoma, providing small business loans, commercial loans, and financial education and business development services. CPCDC has been presented many awards, including the High Honors Award from the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, the Circle of Honor Award for Visionary Leadership on behalf of the CDFI Industry by Oweesta and Opportunity Finance Network, and the Community Impact award in the 2009 Wachovia NEXT Awards for Opportunity Finance.

Success Story: Miller's Pro-Health Pharmacy, Meeker, OK

Stacie Miller started her journey to become a pharmacist by working as a clerk at Meeker Pharmacy. She left her job to attend college and then got her Doctorate of Pharmacy. So when Meeker Pharmacy closed in 2009 it left a need in the community that Stacie wanted to fill. To secure funding, Stacie and her husband, John, worked with the CPCDC, which partnered with CrossTimber's RC&D, to provide funding for Miller's Pro-Health Pharmacy. The pharmacy employs nine people, and creating jobs is vital to keeping small towns like Meeker alive.

"Although there were setbacks in opening our business the CPCDC was extremely helpful and encouraging. Without programs like these, we wouldn't have had the funding we needed to open our pharmacy."

Mike Miller

Miller's Pro-Health Pharmacy



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Mission

It is the mission of the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation to promote, educate, and inspire the entrepreneurial growth and financial well-being of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Community through financial education, access to capital, business development services, and innovative capacity building practices.

Products and services

- Commercial loans up to \$300,000
- Microloans loans up to \$35,000
- Business development training and coaching
- Anti-predatory pay day lending up to \$1,500
- Jumpstart auto lending program
- Credit builder loan product
- Financial education and credit counseling

Financial and social impact

- Commercial loans to Native American owned firms: 275 totaling \$21,166,897
- Jobs created/retained: 788
- Consumer loans made: 1,830 totaling \$2,123,604
- Loan loss rate: 1%