



# Opportunity Finance Network: Member Profile



## Community Resource Group

Fayetteville, AR

Community Resource Group (CRG) was established in 1975 to provide opportunities for rural communities and low-income families to build assets and secure a better future. Its work focuses on providing the basics — safe drinking water and wastewater disposal, affordable housing, and access to credit — and helping families and their communities increase their income, build and protect assets, and move out of poverty. The organization maintains a staff of more than 40, and serves Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

### Success Story: Juan Lopez, Rio Grande City, TX

Juan Lopez, a single father, was building a 1,400-square-foot home so he and his four children could leave their 20' x 25' apartment. Although he completed the foundation, walls, door installation, and roof, he still lacked windows and a septic system. Thanks to a CRG unsecured home improvement loan, Lopez is finishing the job and his family is that much closer to having their own home.

*"We keep investing in Community Resource Group for one reason. They deliver results."*

*George McCarthy  
Program Officer, Ford Foundation*



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### Mission

To provide opportunities for rural communities and low-income families to build assets and secure a better future.

### Products and services

- Loans for community water and wastewater systems, up to \$250,000
- Construction financing and mortgages for affordable homes
- Home improvement loans up to \$3,500

### Financial and social impact

- Water and wastewater system loans made = 246, totaling \$16,091,131
- Community water and wastewater systems financed = 183, serving 98,630 families
- Water and wastewater loan loss rate = 1%
- Home improvement loans made = 1,027, totaling \$2,667,535
- Home improvement loan loss rate = 5%
- Mortgage loans made = 30, totaling \$1,455,562
- Mortgage loan loss rate = 0%