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## **Community Reinvestment Fund, USA Receives Grant from Travelers Foundation**

*Donation will help fund economic development loans in Hartford area*

MINNEAPOLIS – January 8, 2009 – Community Reinvestment Fund, USA (CRF), a nonprofit organization that connects community development lenders with the capital resources of Wall Street, today announced it has received a \$50,000 grant from the Travelers Foundation, the charitable arm of Travelers. This is the latest in a series of grants made by Travelers to CRF, bringing the company's total contribution to approximately \$165,000.

"We are grateful to our funding partners at Travelers for their continuing support of CRF's mission," said Frank Altman, president and chief executive officer for CRF. "This investment will enable us to drive more private capital into projects that might not otherwise receive funding in some of Connecticut's most underserved areas."

Travelers' investment will support CRF's mission to fund economic development loans in underserved communities. The grant will allow CRF to help create or retain jobs in manufacturing, retail or light industry and support community facilities.

"Organizations like CRF are on the front lines of the battle for economic opportunity," said Tara Spain, program officer for Travelers Foundation. "We are proud to support CRF, particularly during these difficult times. They are among the best at leveraging every dollar for the benefit of communities in need."

### **About CRF**

Community Reinvestment Fund, USA (CRF), a nonprofit organization, is the nation's leader in bringing capital to public and private, nonprofit community development lenders through the secondary market for community development loans. Formed in 1988, CRF has injected more than \$1 billion into low-income and economically disadvantaged communities around the country to help stimulate job creation and economic



development, provide affordable housing, and support community facilities. CRF is headquartered in Minneapolis, MN. [www.crfusa.com](http://www.crfusa.com).

### **About Travelers**

The Travelers Companies, Inc. (NYSE: TRV), a leading auto, home and business insurer, provides support for charitable organizations in the community through the Travelers Foundation and with corporate funding and in-kind services. The company's community giving is focused on education, community development and the arts. Travelers employees are consistently active in community initiatives and perform thousands of hours in volunteer time each year. For more information, visit [www.travelers.com](http://www.travelers.com).

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