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Community Reinvestment Fund, USA Receives Grant from the Minneapolis Foundation

Donation will help support CRF's comprehensive community investment programs in the Twin Cities

MINNEAPOLIS – January 22, 2009 – Community Reinvestment Fund, USA (CRF), a nonprofit organization that connects community development lenders with the capital resources of Wall Street, today announced it received a \$50,000 grant from the Minneapolis Foundation, one of the nation's largest and oldest community foundations. This is the latest in a series of grants from the Minneapolis Foundation to CRF.

"We are grateful to our funding partners at the Minneapolis Foundation for their continued support of CRF's mission," said Frank Altman, president and chief executive officer for CRF. "This investment will enable us to drive more capital into community improvement projects that might not otherwise receive funding."

The Minneapolis Foundation's investment will support CRF's loan programs in the Twin Cities that benefit low-income communities in achieving economic parity.

"Minneapolis has not been immune to the economic slowdown, but we are committed to helping small business owners weather the storm," said Sandra Vargas, president and chief executive officer of the Minneapolis Foundation. "CRF's unique loan programs help leverage our grant dollars for maximum impact in the communities that are most in need. Together, we can help the people and businesses of Minneapolis retain jobs and create new opportunities."



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

About The Minneapolis Foundation

Established in 1915, The Minneapolis Foundation is one of the nation's oldest and largest community foundations. It manages more than \$600 million in assets, administers more than 1,000 charitable funds created by individuals, families, and businesses, and distributes more than \$35 million in grants each year. The Foundation also works with others to improve the quality of life in the region and promotes dialogue and action on critical issues, through its Minnesota Meeting public affairs program and other convenings.

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