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Community Reinvestment Fund, USA Receives Grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust

\$100,000 grant will support CRF's work in Oregon and Southwest Washington

MINNEAPOLIS – April 1, 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 \$100,000 grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust. This is the organization's first grant to CRF.

The grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust will help CRF fund loans for small business and community development in disadvantaged communities across Oregon and southwest Washington.

"We are pleased to initiate what we hope will be a long-term relationship with the Meyer Memorial Trust, and we are grateful for their support of CRF's mission," said Frank Altman, president and chief executive officer for CRF. "This grant will enable us to support entrepreneurship in Oregon and southwest Washington and will help fulfill the Trust's mission of investing in people and ideas that improve quality of life."

With market conditions affecting credit availability and more distressed communities seeking capital than ever before, CRF is uniquely able to initiate economic recovery at the grassroots level. Since 1988, CRF has helped drive more than \$1 billion in private capital to under-served communities, serving nearly 150,000 individuals and creating or retaining more than 40,000 jobs.

"Our nation's urban and rural communities are on the front lines of this economic crisis, and we are proud to support CRF's successful capital delivery model," said Doug Stamm, chief executive officer for the Meyer Memorial Trust. "We know that CRF will continue to help people and businesses in the Pacific Northwest on the road to economic recovery."



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 Meyer Memorial Trust

The late Fred G. Meyer, who built the chain of retail stores bearing his name throughout the Pacific Northwest, created the Meyer Memorial Trust. When Mr. Meyer died in 1978 at the age of 92, his will established the Trust, which began operating in 1982. The Meyer Memorial Trust is a private, independent entity representing Mr. Meyer's personal philanthropy. The Meyer Trust is not connected in any way with Fred Meyer Inc., the retail enterprise.

The Meyer Memorial Trust makes grants to qualified tax-exempt applicants in Oregon and southwest Washington. The Trust operates three programs: Strategic Initiatives, Grants, and Program Related Investments. The Trust also is a co-founder of the "More For Mission" campaign, a national initiative to encourage greater mission-related investing. Specific information, including grant application guidelines for each program, is available at www.mmt.org.

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