



Social Innovation Fund

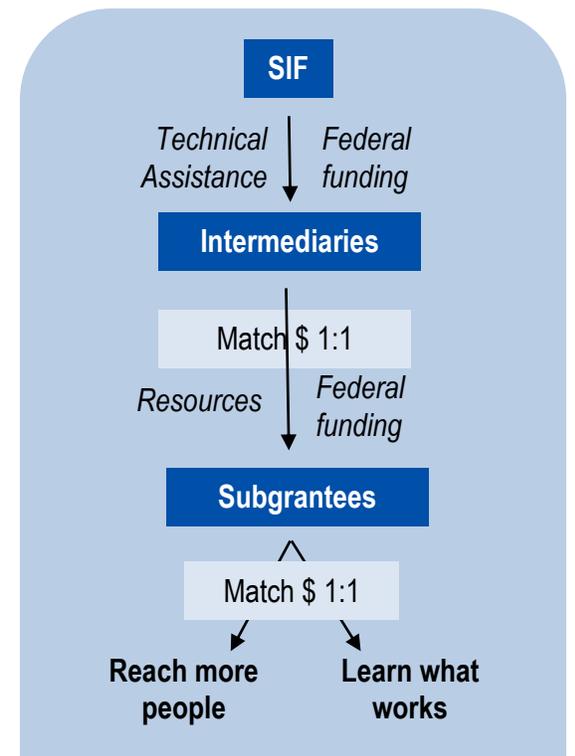
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Finding What Works, Making It Work for More People

The Social Innovation Fund (SIF), a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), combines public and private resources to grow the impact of innovative, community-based solutions that have compelling evidence of improving the lives of people in low-income communities throughout the United States. The SIF was founded on the fundamental idea that we can make enormous progress toward overcoming significant challenges by finding and growing the most promising of these solutions.

The SIF works with and through existing grantmaking institutions, or “intermediaries,” to direct resources to nonprofit organizations and state and local government entities, or “subgrantees,” focused on youth development, economic opportunity, and healthy futures – helping to build the capacity of the social sector and lift-up solutions that can transform lives and communities.



Social Innovation Fund Programs



The **SIF Classic** program awards grants to eligible grantmaking institutions or partnerships to select, fund, support, and evaluate community-based nonprofits seeking to grow innovative, evidence-based solutions to challenges facing low-income communities nationwide.

The **SIF Pay for Success (PFS)** program awards eligible nonprofit organizations and state and local governments prepared to engage in PFS projects that advance and evaluate new models of funding high-quality, effective social interventions to produce measurable outcomes for individuals and communities.

Social Innovation Fund Grantees

Social Innovation Fund intermediaries are selected through a rigorous, open competition and are required to match their federal grants dollar-for-dollar. With those combined funds, they then take part in all or a part of the following activities:

- Host open competitions to select organizations and/or government entities implementing or seeking to implement innovative program models;
- Invest in expanding the capabilities and impact of the organizations and government entities they select;
- Support those organizations through rigorous evaluation of their programs and
- Share data, lessons learned and results.

Program Examples

Intermediary Grantee	Total Federal Investment	Project Description
REDF	\$6 Million	The Center for Employment Opportunities assists recently-released offenders eager to build productive lives in securing immediate transitional jobs, and provides skills training, coaching and job placement support—a combination proven to reduce the chances of their returning to prison. With their subgrant they are replicating their New York-based program in Oakland, California.
Third Sector Capital Partners, Inc.	\$1.9 Million	Using Pay for Success strategies, Third Sector Capital Partners, Inc., will conduct a feasibility study working with Oregon Health Sciences University and Friends of the Children aimed at supporting disengaged youth involved in Oregon’s Marion and Multnomah Counties’ child welfare and justice systems.
AARP Foundation	\$3 Million	BACK TO WORK 50+: Women’s Economic Stability Initiative, connects employers and training providers with unemployed or underemployed workers age 50 and over to create a pipeline of trained, prescreened, qualified workers, while lowering the number of older women who slip into poverty later in life. This program is being implemented in community colleges in six states (TX, NM, AL, FL, SC and GA).