FOOD ACCESS FINANCING PROGRAM

THE NEED. In Florida, only 27% of the population eat the recommended daily amount of fruits and vegetables\(^1\), and 31% are obese.\(^2\) All of these deficiencies can be improved with increased access to fresh, healthy foods.

FCLF FOOD ACCESS FINANCING. To help address these health concerns, Florida Community Loan Fund has created a Food Access Financing Initiative to complement our loan programs. FCLF provides flexible financing and staff expertise to community-based nonprofit and for-profit organizations in low-income neighborhoods throughout Florida. We take seriously our commitment to improve the whole community, and providing access to fresh, healthy foods is a part of a healthy, safe, community.

The goal of FCLF’s Food Access Financing Initiative is to increase access to whole foods such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy and lean meats, as well as nutrient-dense foods and beverages.

1 Florida Dept. of Health, www.floridahealth.gov
2 Trust for America’s Health, www.tfah.org

SWEETWATER ORGANIC FARM

$436,000 FCLF FINANCING
7,000+ REACHED THROUGH FIELD TRIPS AND TOURS
REFINANCING AND IMPROVEMENTS

Sweetwater Organic Community Farms, Florida’s oldest community-supported farm consists of 6 acres in Tampa. The Farm offers educational field trips, training programs, and workshops to educate participants on organic farming methods and the health benefits. An on-site farmer’s market offers fresh produce for sale. FCLF financing repaid existing loans and will be used to develop an urban campground, offering agro-tourism opportunities.

www.sweetwater-organic.com

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS OF PINELLAS

$17.1 MILLION TOTAL PROJECT
$17 MILLION FCLF NMTC + $400,000 FCLF FINANCING
4 LOCATIONS, 64,500 SQ FT

Community Health Centers of Pinellas County operates 12 locations county-wide with a focus on low-income, uninsured, and under-insured. In the new Highpoint location, financed as part of a multi-location FCLF New Markets Tax Credit transaction, a “food pharmacy” will be available to improve diet and nutrition and thereby reduce disease. Food prescriptions can be filled at an on-site food bank, operated in partnership with Feeding Tampa Bay.

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCING

**LOAN SIZE** $5 million • Larger loan sizes may be available through partnerships

**LOAN TYPES** Acquisition and pre-development • New construction and rehabilitation • Lines of credit, guidance lines • Interest only, mini-perm and permanent loans • Refinancing in certain situations

**TERMS** Fixed rates 4.0% to 6.0% • Application fee $300; Commitment fee typically 0.25% to 1% • 1.20x minimum DSC based on stabilized NOI • No or minimal legal fees on typical transactions (standard third party closing costs including title insurance for all real estate loans) • Terms up to 10 years / 35-year amortization / no prepayment penalties

**COLLATERAL** Loans must be secured • Loan-to-value (LTV) will vary based on collateral type, typically 70% to 85%

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** Free technical assistance may be available in some cases • Delivered by FCLF staff or third party providers

Financing terms are considered on a case-by-case basis and may be flexible; contact FCLF staff.

## FOOD ACCESS PROGRAM

**ADVANTAGES MAY INCLUDE:**

- Lower interest rates than could otherwise be provided
- Longer periods of interest-only payments, allowing projects to get off the ground more efficiently
- In some cases, there may be provisions for equity conversion for a portion of total financing at the end of the loan term, assuming the project is performing as expected

Contact FCLF staff for additional details.

## NEW MARKETS TAX CREDIT PROGRAM (NMTC)

**LOAN SIZE** Projects of $6 million minimum loan size may qualify for NMTC financing

**LOAN TYPES** New or substantial rehabilitation of commercial projects

**PROJECT METRICS** NMTC qualified distressed census tract • high impact and clear benefits to low-income populations • jobs generated • some financing already in place

This is a brief description of the NMTC Program. Contact FCLF staff for details.

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