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Jodie Harris is the Director of the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund). The CDFI Fund generates economic growth and opportunity in some of our nation’s most distressed communities. By offering tailored resources and innovative programs that invest federal dollars alongside private sector capital, the CDFI Fund serves mission-driven financial institutions that take a market-based approach to supporting economically disadvantaged communities.

Jodie has worked in both the public and private sectors for over 25 years. Following her start as a commercial real estate and community development credit analyst, Jodie served as president of a small non-profit consulting firm providing technical assistance and education to small businesses and entrepreneurs. She spent several years in the Strategy and Business Architecture division of Accenture, LLC, working with a range of clients including financial institutions, nonprofits and technology companies. Jodie has extensive experience in policy research, and worked as a policy analyst with New York University’s Institute for Education and Social Policy, and with the U.S. Department of Agriculture where she focused on low-income food programs.

Jodie joined Treasury in 2007 as an Associate Program Manager with the CDFI Fund, and later served as Senior Advisor to the Director of the CDFI Fund. During her time with Treasury, she has managed grant programs and developed legislative and policy proposals for a wide range of issues with a focus on access to capital, community development banking, and financial inclusion. Most recently, as the Director of Treasury’s Office of Small Business, Community Development and Affordable Housing Policy, Jodie led a team of policy analysts in the development of policies and programs that support community and economic development nationwide.

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