



Rural Cooperative Development Centers

The following centers focus on providing technical assistance to groups that wish to organize cooperatives and to existing cooperative businesses. To learn more about assistance in specific states, click on the center name below.

Alabama

Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund *

<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>

Alaska

Alaska Cooperative Development Program at the University of Alaska *

<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/business-enterprise-institute/alaska-cooperative-development-program.cshtml>

Arizona

Arizona Cooperative Initiative

<http://arizonacooperativeinitiative.org/>

Local First Arizona Foundation

<http://localfirstazfoundation.org/>

Arkansas

Winrock International - domestic programs including Arkansas

<http://www.winrock.org/country/united-states/>

California

California Center for Cooperative Development *

<http://www.cccd.coop/>

Colorado

Co-op Development Center at the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union *

<https://www.rmfu.org/what-we-do/cooperation/co-op-development-center/>

Rocky Mountain Employee Ownership Center – for conversions to employee ownership

<http://www.rmeoc.org/>

Colorado Cooperative Developers

<http://www.ccd.coop/>

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Connecticut

Cooperative Development Institute *

<http://cdi.coop/>

Delaware

Keystone Development Center *

<http://www.kdc.coop/>

Florida

Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund *

<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>

Georgia

Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund *

<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>

Hawaii

Rural and Cooperative Business Development Services at the Kohala Center *

<http://kohalacenter.org/business/cooperative-development>

Idaho

Northwest Cooperative Development Center *

<http://nwcdc.coop/>

Montana Cooperative Development Center * (for communities in eastern Idaho)

<http://www.mcdc.coop/mcdc>

Illinois

Illinois Cooperative Development Center at the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Western Illinois University *

<http://www.value-added.org/cooperatives/>

Indiana

Indiana Cooperative Development Center *

<http://icdc.coop/>

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Iowa

Cooperative Development Services *

<http://www.cdsus.coop/>

Northcountry Cooperative Foundation * – specializing in manufactured housing park co-ops

<http://northcountryfoundation.org/>

Kansas

Arthur Capper Cooperative Center (educational resources and training)

<http://acc.k-state.edu/>

Kentucky

Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD) *

<http://www.kcard.info/>

Louisiana

Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund *

<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>

Maine

Cooperative Development Institute *

<http://www.cdi.coop/>

Maryland

Keystone Development Center *

<http://www.kdc.coop/>

Massachusetts

Cooperative Development Institute *

<http://www.cdi.coop/>

Michigan

Cooperative Development Program at Michigan State University Product Center – Food, Ag, Bio*

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http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cooperative_development_program

Minnesota

Cooperative Development Services *

<http://www.cdsus.coop/>

Northcountry Cooperative Foundation * (for housing)

<http://northcountryfoundation.org/>

Latino Economic Development Center *

<http://www.ledc-mn.org/greaterminnesotaaccomplishments.php>

Agricultural Utilization Research Institute *

<http://www.auri.org/2016/10/auri-awarded-usda-rural-cooperative-development-grant/>

Mississippi

Mississippi Association of Cooperatives *

<http://www.mississippiassociation.coop/>

Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund *

<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>

Missouri

Missouri Institute of Cooperatives (educational resources)

<http://www.mic.coop/index.html>

Montana

Montana Cooperative Development Center *

<http://www.mcdc.coop/mcdc>

Lake County Community Development Corporation *

https://www.lakecountycdc.org/Our_Services?PHPSESSID=j73sbldejsdrv7d1m6ijo8pb17

Neighbor Works Montana – specializing in manufactured housing park co-ops

<http://www.nwgreatfalls.org/>

Nebraska

Nebraska Cooperative Development Center at the University of Nebraska **

<http://ncdc.unl.edu/>

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Nevada

In need of a center. Project Equity in collaboration with the Sierra Business Council (both of California) are exploring a center serving rural northern Nevada for business conversions to worker co-op ownership.

<http://www.project-equity.org/>

<http://sierrabusiness.org/>

New Hampshire

Cooperative Development Institute *

<http://www.cdi.coop/>

ROC-New Hampshire – specializing in manufactured housing park co-ops

<https://www.communityloanfund.org/how-we-help/roc-nh>

New Jersey

Keystone Development Center *

<http://www.kdc.coop/>

New Mexico

Co-op Development Center at the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union *

<https://www.rmfu.org/what-we-do/cooperation/co-op-development-center/>

Cooperative Development Center of New Mexico (CODECE) – economic development division of the Center of Southwest Culture, Inc.

<http://cooperativedevelopmentcenter.org/>

New York

Cooperative Development Institute *

<http://www.cdi.coop/>

PathStone – specializing in manufactured housing park co-ops

<http://www.pathstone.org/services/manufactured-home-cooperative-project/>

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North Carolina

Carolina Common Enterprise **

<http://www.commonenterprise.coop/>

Rural Advancement Foundation International USA **

<http://rafiusa.org/rural-cooperative-development/>

Fund 4 Democratic Communities

<https://f4dc.org/>

High Country Cooperation

<http://highcountrycooperation.org/>

North Dakota

North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives *

<https://www.ndarec.com/content/rural-electric-and-telecommunications-development-center-0>

Common Enterprise Development **

<http://www.cedc.coop/>

Northcountry Cooperative Foundation * – specializing in manufactured housing park co-ops

<http://northcountryfoundation.org/>

Ohio

Ohio Cooperative Development Center and Ohio State University *

<https://southcenters.osu.edu/cooperatives>

Cooperative Development Center at Kent State University ** - specializing in employee ownership

<http://www.ocockent.org/cooperative-development/>

PathStone – specializing in manufactured housing park co-ops

<http://www.pathstone.org/services/manufactured-home-cooperative-project/>

Oklahoma

Bill Fitzwater Cooperative Center endowed chair at Oklahoma State University (educational resources)

<http://www.agecon.okstate.edu/coops/>

Oregon

Northwest Cooperative Development Center *

<http://nwcdc.coop/>

Community And Assistance Shelter (CASA) * – specializing in manufactured housing park co-ops

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<http://www.casaoforegon.org/mhpp>

Pennsylvania

Keystone Development Center *

<http://www.kdc.coop/>

PathStone – specializing in manufactured housing park co-ops

<http://www.pathstone.org/services/manufactured-home-cooperative-project/>

Puerto Rico

Comision de Desarrollo Cooperativo de Puerto Rico (government agency for incorporations and assistance)

<http://www.cdcoop.pr.gov/>

Liga de Cooperativas de Puerto Rico (nonprofit co-op association)

<http://www.liga.coop/>

El Instituto de Cooperativismo de La Universidad de Puerto, Rio Piedras (youth education)

<http://juventudcooperativista.uprrp.edu/>

Rhode Island

Cooperative Development Institute *

<http://www.cdi.coop/>

South Carolina

Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund *

<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>

South Dakota

Value Added Agriculture Development Center *

http://www.sdvalueadded.coop/index.php/about_us

Northcountry Cooperative Foundation * – specializing in manufactured housing park co-ops

<http://northcountryfoundation.org/>

Tennessee

Tennessee Council of Cooperatives (training and educational materials)

<http://www.tennesseeCouncilofcoops.org/>

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Texas

Rural Business & Cooperative Development initiative of the Center for Rural Advancement at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley *

<http://www.utrgv.edu/en-us/research/services/economic-development/rural-advancement/index.htm>

US Virgin Islands

University of the Virgin Islands Cooperative Extension Service

<http://www.uvi.edu/community/cooperative-extension-service/default.aspx>

Utah

In need of a center.

Utah Resident Owned Communities – specializing in manufactured housing park co-ops

<http://www.uroc.coop/>

Vermont

Cooperative Development Institute *

<http://www.cdi.coop/>

Vermont Employee Ownership Center – for conversions to employee ownership

<http://www.veoc.org/>

Virginia

Virginia Foundation for Agriculture, Innovation & Rural Sustainability (FAIRS) *

<http://www.vafairs.com/services-technical-assistance/assistance-for-cooperatives/>

Washington

Northwest Cooperative Development Center *

<http://nwcddc.coop/>

Northwest Agriculture Business Center *

<http://www.agbizcenter.org/business-services/rural-cooperative-development>

West Virginia

Ohio Cooperative Development Center at Ohio State University–Southern Centers *

<https://southcenters.osu.edu/cooperatives>

West Virginia Co-op Collaborative

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<http://wvfoodandfarm.org/initiatives/wv-co-op-collaborative/>

Wisconsin

University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives *

<http://www.uwcc.wisc.edu/>

Cooperative Development Services *

<http://www.cdsus.coop/>

Northcountry Cooperative Foundation * – specializing in manufactured housing park co-ops

<http://northcountryfoundation.org/>

Wyoming

Co-op Development Center at the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union *

<https://www.rmfu.org/what-we-do/cooperation/co-op-development-center/>

THE FOLLOWING CENTERS OFFER SPECIALIZED SERVICES AND COVER ALL STATES:

Worker Co-ops and Ownership Conversions

The Democracy At Work Institute *

<http://institute.coop/projects/rural-development>

<http://becomingeo.org/>

Retail Food Co-op Stores

Food Co-op Initiative *

<http://www.foodcoopinitiative.coop/>

Home Care Worker Cooperatives and Long Term Care Issues

Cooperative Development Foundation **

<http://seniors.coop/>

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