

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 *i

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

Alaska

Alaska Cooperative Development Center **ii

<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/business—enterprise—institute/coop—development/acdc—main—page—do—not—publish.cshtml>

Arizona

Arizona Cooperative Initiative

<http://arizonacooperativeinitiative.org>

Arkansas

Winrock International — domestic programs including Arkansas

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

California

California Center for Cooperative Development *i

<http://www.cccd.coop>

Colorado

Co—op Development Center at the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union *i

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

Colorado

Cooperative Developers

<http://www.ccd.coop>

Rocky Mountain Employee Ownership Center – for conversions to employee ownership

<http://www.rmeoc.org>

Connecticut

Cooperative Development Institute *i
<http://cdi.coop>

Delaware

KDC Cooperative Solutions (Keystone Development Center) *i
<https://www.kdc.coop>

Florida

Florida Cooperative Empowered Economic Development Corporation (Florida Ceed)
<http://www.floridaceed.org>

Georgia

Georgia Cooperative Development Center
<http://www.georgiacoopdc.org>

Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund *i
<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com>

Hawaii

Rural and Cooperative Business Development Services at the Kohala Center *i
<http://kohalacenter.org/business/cooperative—development>

Idaho

Northwest Cooperative Development Center *i
<http://nwcdc.coop>

Montana Cooperative Development Center *i (for communities in eastern Idaho)
<https://mcdc.coop>

Illinois

Illinois Cooperative Development Center at the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Western Illinois University
*i
<http://www.value—added.org/cooperatives>

Indiana

Indiana Cooperative Development Center *i
<http://icdc.coop>

Iowa

Cooperative Development Services *
<http://www.cdsus.coop>

Northcountry Cooperative Foundation * – specializing in manufactured housing park co—ops
<http://northcountryfoundation.org>

Iowa Institute for Cooperatives
<http://iowainstitute.coop>

Kansas

Arthur Capper Cooperative Center (educational resources and training)
<http://acc.k—state.edu>

Rural Grocery Initiative at Kansas State University (for retaining a grocery store)
<http://www.ruralgrocery.org>

Kentucky

Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD) *i
<http://www.kcard.info>

Louisiana

Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund *i
<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com>

Maine

Cooperative Development Institute *i
<http://www.cdi.coop>

Maryland

KDC Cooperative Solutions (Keystone Development Center) *i
<https://www.kdc.coop>

Massachusetts

Cooperative Development Institute *i
<http://www.cdi.coop>

Michigan

Cooperative Development Program at Michigan State University Product Center – Food, Ag, Bio**ii
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cooperative_development_program

Minnesota

Cooperative Development Services *i
<http://www.cdsus.coop>

Northcountry Cooperative Foundation *i (for housing)
<http://northcountryfoundation.org>

Agricultural Utilization Research Institute *i

<http://www.auri.org/help/rural—cooperative—development—center>

Latino Economic Development Center **ii

<http://ledc—mn.org/index.php/en/special—projects—accomplishments>

Mississippi

Mississippi Association of Cooperatives *i

<http://www.mississippiassociation.coop/macs—services>

Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund *i

<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com>

Missouri

Missouri Institute of Cooperatives (educational resources)

<http://www.mic.coop/curriculumresources.htm>

Montana

Montana Cooperative Development Center *i

<https://mcdc.coop>

Lake County Community Development Corporation *i

https://www.lakecountycdc.org/Co—op_Development

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

<https://www.nwmt.org/manufactured—housing>

Nebraska

Nebraska Cooperative Development Center at the University of Nebraska *i

<https://ncdc.unl.edu>

Nevada

Please contact a neighboring state

New Hampshire

Cooperative Development Institute *i

<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

KDC Cooperative Solutions (Keystone Development Center) *i

<https://www.kdc.coop>

New Mexico

Co—op Development Center at the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union *i
<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>

North Carolina

Carolina Common Enterprise *i
<http://www.commonenterprise.coop>

Fund 4 Democratic Communities
<https://f4dc.org>

High Country Cooperation
<http://highcountrycooperation.org>

North Dakota

North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives i**ij
<https://www.ndarec.com/content/rural—electric—and—telecommunications—development—center—0>

Northcountry Cooperative Foundation *i – specializing in manufactured housing park co—ops
<http://northcountryfoundation.org>

Ohio

College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) Center for Cooperatives at The Ohio State University *i
<https://cooperatives.cfaes.ohio—state.edu>

Cooperative Development Center at Kent State University i* — specializing in employee ownership
<http://www.oeockent.org/cooperative—development>

Oklahoma

Bill Fitzwater Cooperative Center endowed chair at Oklahoma State University (educational resources)
<http://www.agecon.okstate.edu/coops>

Oregon

Northwest Cooperative Development Center *i

<http://nwcddc.coop>

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

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

Pennsylvania

KDC Cooperative Solutions (Keystone Development Center) *i

<https://www.kdc.coop>

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 *i

<http://www.cdi.coop>

South Carolina

Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund *i

<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com>

South Dakota

Value Added Agriculture Development Center *i

<http://www.sdvalueadded.coop>

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

<http://northcountryfoundation.org>

Tennessee

Tennessee Council of Cooperatives (training and educational materials)

<http://www.tennesseecouncilofcoops.org>

Texas

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) Texas Rural Cooperative Center *i

<https://www.facebook.com/TexasRuralCooperativeCenter>

Texas Rural Cooperative Center

<https://acba.coop/texas—rural—cooperative—center>

US Virgin Islands

University of the Virgin Islands Cooperative Extension Service – contact Dr. Louis Petersen

<https://www.uvi.edu/directory/profiles/staff/petersen—louis.asp>

<https://www.uvi.edu/files/images/community/ces/Introduction%20to%20the%20Cooperative%20Development%20Model.pdf>

Utah

Contact a neighboring state.

Vermont

Cooperative Development Institute *i

<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) *i

<https://www.vafairs.com/services—technical—assistance/assistance—for—cooperatives>

Washington

Northwest Cooperative Development Center *i

<http://nwcdc.coop>

Northwest Agriculture Business Center *i

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

West Virginia

College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) Center for Cooperatives at The Ohio State University *i

<https://cooperatives.cfaes.ohio—state.edu>

Wisconsin

University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives *i

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

Cooperative Development Services *i

<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 *i
<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 *i

<https://institute.coop>
<http://becomingemployeeowned.org>

Retail Food Cooperative Stores
Food Co—op Initiative *i

<https://www.fci.coop>

Home Care Cooperative Initiative (home care and long—term care)
Cooperative Development Foundation *i

<http://seniors.coop>

Resident Owned Communities (housing park conversions) ROC—USA
<https://rocusa.org>ⁱⁱ

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