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

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

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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://nwdc.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://accc.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) *
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

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

Massachusetts

Cooperative Development Institute *
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 *
http://www.cdsus.coop

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

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Agricultural Utilization Research Institute *i
http://www.auri.org/help/rural—cooperative—development—center

Latino Economic Development Center **ii

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

* i See website links for specific state

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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**ii
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.oecokent.org/cooperative—development

Oklahoma

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

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Oregon
Northwest Cooperative Development Center *i
http://nwcdc.coop
Community And Assistance Shelter (CASA) * – specializing in manufactured housing park co—ops
http://www.casaoforegon.org/mhpp

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

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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

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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*

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*ii denotes center was a previous recipient of RCDG funding in the last three years  
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