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://accc.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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**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.oeo.ohio.edu/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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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.federationsoutherancoop.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 *

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://nwcdc.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
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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