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HAPO Community Credit Union has become one of only 1,333 financial institutions certified as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.



Richland, WA – February 4, 2022– As of January 17th, HAPO Community Credit Union became one of only 1,333 financial institutions certified as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. HAPO is one of only 15 CDFI-certified credit unions in Washington State.

A CDFI certification can be earned by a financial institution that offers fair and affordable financial services and continually works to transform the lives of the underserved populations in its community. CDFIs invest in their local communities by providing important funding resources.

“We’re honored that we’ve earned the CDFI certification” said Dolores Broeske, President and CEO of HAPO Community Credit Union “This recognition makes it clear how dedicated we are to tailoring our services to the needs of our members. We will continue building partnerships that enhance and allow us to serve members in all areas that we reside in.”

With this new certification, HAPO will be able to apply for the CDFI’s annual grant. Through this competitively-awarded benefit and other CDFI programs, HAPO will be able to build our capacity to better serve lower-income individuals and families.

“Every time we can help a member get into a safer car, a first home, or provide resources to enhance the lives of those around us, we’re thrilled,” said Broeske. “With CDFI resources, we’ll be able to grow those opportunities and keep reaching more of our community.”

HAPO Community Credit Union serves over 170,000 members and has 19 locations throughout Washington, and Umatilla, Morrow, and Clackamas Counties in Oregon.

