

Why CDI?

Cooperative Development Institute by the numbers



We asked our clients and collaborators to list CDI's strengths. As in past years, people mentioned the savviness of CDI staff most frequently. They also commented on our commitment as well as our sensitivity and engagement as one-on-one mentors. Finally, we were praised for our responsiveness and availability, our organizational focus, the educational and training opportunities we provide, and the opportunities we offer for networking.

The Top Words Used to Describe CDI

Helpful
Cooperative
Resource
Support

Easily accessible, friendly, welcoming, comprehensively knowledgeable, supportive, instilled confidence in us that we could and would succeed when we needed it most."

—Bethany Louisos, C.L.E.A.N. Cooperative

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Clients would recommend CDI

Very patient and helpful in giving advice to a fledgling organization as we were just beginning to develop.

—Lauren Errickson, Secretary
Marsh River Cooperative

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Clients rate CDI 8.8 out of 10

Staff members are very knowledgeable about the process. Down-to-earth approach when talking to residents. Hard-working. Very helpful to and supportive of members of the board. They are the most optimistic group of people I have ever worked with.

—Theresa Lefebvre, President
North Avenue Cooperative

Community

The #1 benefit people gain from forming their cooperative. OWNERSHIP is a close second, followed by DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION and SHARED VALUES.

Plan for the Future

The most frequent effect of support from CDI. Over half of clients were profitable and met or exceeded their business projections in the last year.