

**WYVC DIRECT INVESTMENT CERTIFICATIONS FOR
[COMPANY NAME]**

All the following certifications are for [Company Name] (Investee), whose address is [Company Address, City, State Zip]

INVESTEE USE OF PROCEEDS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

Funds from the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) may only be used for certain purposes and in circumstances where the applicable conflict of interest standards are satisfied.

The investee hereby certifies the following to the Wyoming Business Council, WYVC Fund:

1. The investment proceeds will be used solely for a business purpose. A business purpose includes, but is not limited to, start-up costs; working capital; franchise fees; and acquisition of equipment, inventory, or services used in the production, manufacturing, or delivery of a business's goods or services, or in the purchase, construction, renovation, or tenant improvements of an eligible place of business that is not for passive real estate investment purposes. SSBCI funds may be used to purchase any tangible or intangible assets except goodwill. The term "business purpose" excludes acquiring or holding passive investments in real estate; the purchase of securities except as permitted in certification 2.d below; and lobbying activities (as defined in Section 3(7) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, P.L. 104-65, as amended (2 U.S.C. § 1602(7)).
2. The investment proceeds will not be used to:
 - a. repay delinquent federal or jurisdiction income taxes unless the investee has a payment plan in place with the relevant taxing authority;
 - b. repay taxes held in trust or escrow (e.g., payroll or sales taxes);
 - c. reimburse funds owed to any owner, including any equity investment or investment of capital for the business's continuance; or
 - d. purchase any portion of the ownership interest of any owner of the business, except for the purchase of an interest in an employee stock ownership plan qualifying under section 401 of Internal Revenue Code, worker cooperative, or related vehicle, provided that the transaction results in the employee stock ownership plan or other employee-owned entity holding a majority interest (on a fully diluted basis) in the business.
3. The investee is not:
 - a. a business engaged in speculative activities that profit from fluctuations in price, such as wildcatting for oil and dealing in commodities futures, unless those activities are incidental to the regular activities of the business and part of a legitimate risk management strategy to guard against price fluctuations related to the regular activities of the business or through the normal course of trade;
 - b. a business that earns more than half of its annual net revenue from lending activities, unless the business is (1) a CDFI that is not a depository institution or a bank holding company, or (2) a Tribal enterprise lender that is not a depository institution or a bank holding company;
 - c. a business engaged in pyramid sales, where a participant's primary incentive is based on the sales made by an ever-increasing number of participants;
 - d. a business engaged in activities that are prohibited by federal law or, if permitted by federal law, applicable law in the jurisdiction where the business is located or conducted (this includes businesses that make, sell, service, or distribute products or services used in

connection with illegal activity, unless such use can be shown to be completely outside of the business’s intended market); this category of businesses includes direct and indirect marijuana businesses, as defined in Small Business Administration (SBA) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 50 10 6;¹ or

- e. a business deriving more than one-third of gross annual revenue from legal gambling activities, unless the business is a Tribal SSBCI participant, in which case the Tribal SSBCI participant is prohibited from using SSBCI funds for gaming activities, but is not restricted from using SSBCI funds for non-gaming activities merely due to an organizational tie to a gaming business.
4. The investee is compliant with the venture capital program conflict of interest standards set forth in Section VIII.f of the SSBCI Capital Program Policy Guidelines. Briefly, these standards provide that no SSBCI insider, or a family member or business partner of an SSBCI insider, has a personal financial interest in the investee unless an exception specified in Section VIII.f of the SSBCI Capital Program Policy Guidelines applies. The terms “SSBCI insider,” “family member,” “business partner,” and “personal financial interest” have the meanings set forth in Section VIII.f of the SSBCI Capital Program Policy Guidelines.

If an exception applies, it must be specified here:

I certify that I am an authorized representative of the investee and the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge and that I am aware that, pursuant to W.S. § 6-5-303(a), I may be penalized for knowingly making a false certification, acknowledgment, declaration, or statement.

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¹ See chapter 3.A.8.b of SBA SOP 50 10 6 (effective October 1, 2020), which specifies the following with respect to marijuana-related businesses: “Because federal law prohibits the distribution and sale of marijuana, financial transactions involving a marijuana-related business would generally involve funds derived from illegal activity. Therefore, businesses that derive revenue from marijuana-related activities or that support the end-use of marijuana may be ineligible for SBA financial assistance.”

SEX OFFENDER INVESTEE CERTIFICATION

Under the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), investees must certify that their principals have not been convicted of a sex offense against a minor.

The investee hereby certifies the following to the Wyoming Business Council, WYVC Fund:

No principal of the investee has been convicted of a sex offense against a minor (as such terms are defined in 34 U.S.C. § 20911). For the purposes of this certification, “principal” is defined as if a sole proprietorship, the proprietor; if a partnership, each managing partner and each partner who is a natural person and holds 50 percent or more ownership interest of any class of the partnership interests; if a corporation, limited liability company, association, development company, or other entity, each director, each of the five most highly compensated executives or officers of the entity, and each natural person who is a direct or indirect holder of 50 percent or more of any class of equity interest in the entity; and if a partnership where the managing partner is a corporation, limited liability company, association, development company, or other entity, each director and each of the five most highly compensated executives or officers of the entity.

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INVESTEE CERTIFICATION RELATED TO BUSINESS ENTERPRISES OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS (SEDI-Owned Businesses)

This transaction is supported with funding provided through the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), a federal program that supports small business lending and investment programs in states, the District of Columbia, territories, and Tribal governments (collectively known as participating jurisdictions). SSBCI programs are designed to expand access to capital, promote economic resiliency, and create new jobs and economic opportunity. SSBCI provides funding for participating jurisdictions to support businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (SEDI-owned businesses).¹ This certification provides documentation that an SSBCI loan or investment supported a SEDI-owned business. The information collected from this certification can only be used for purposes of the SSBCI program and must not be used for any other purposes (e.g., marketing, sale to third parties). The information collected must also not be used in a manner that violates any applicable antidiscrimination laws, including, but not limited to, the laws specified in Section IX.b of the Capital Program Policy Guidelines (Compliance with Civil Rights Requirements).

The investee is not required to provide this certification. The investee may identify all categories in groups (1) through (3) below that apply, including all subcategories in group (1) that apply.

The investee hereby certifies to the Wyoming Business Council, WYVC Fund that it is a:

1. Business enterprise that is owned and controlled² by individuals who have had their access to credit on reasonable terms diminished as compared to others in comparable economic circumstances, due to their:
 - membership of a group that has been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice or cultural bias within American society;
 - gender;
 - veteran status;
 - limited English proficiency;
 - disability;
 - long-term residence in an environment isolated from the mainstream of American society;
 - membership of a federally or state-recognized Indian Tribe;
 - long-term residence in a rural community; (If Wyoming, anywhere except Cheyenne and Casper proper)
 - residence in a U.S. territory;
 - residence in a community undergoing economic transitions (including communities impacted by the shift towards a net-zero economy or deindustrialization); or
 - membership of another underserved community.³

2. Business enterprise that is owned and controlled by individuals whose residences are in CDFI Investment Areas, as defined in 12 C.F.R. § 1805.201(b)(3)(ii).⁴

Individual(s)' Address(es) in CDFI Investment Areas: _____

3. Business enterprise that will build, open, or operate a location in a CDFI Investment Area, as defined in 12 C.F.R. § 1805.201(b)(3)(ii).

Business Address in CDFI Investment Area: _____

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¹ SSBCI funds count toward fulfilling the “expended for” requirement for the \$1.5 billion SEDI allocation and toward qualifying for initial eligible amounts under the \$1.0 billion SEDI incentive allocation if the SSBCI funds have been expended for loans, investments, or other credit or equity support to any of the four groups of businesses set forth in Section IV.a of the SSBCI Capital Program Policy Guidelines. While a participating jurisdiction may reasonably identify group (4) businesses (i.e., those located in Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) Investment Areas) based on businesses’ addresses from the relevant loan, investment, and credit or equity support applications, certification is required with regard to groups (1) through (3).

² The term “owned and controlled” means, if privately owned, 51 percent is owned by such individuals; if publicly owned, 51 percent of the stock is owned by such individuals; and in the case of a mutual institution, a majority of the board of directors, account holders, and the community of which the institution services is predominantly comprised of such individuals.

³ “Underserved communities” are populations sharing a particular characteristic, as well as geographic communities, that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life, as exemplified by the list in the definition of equity. Equity is consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.

⁴ Treasury has provided a mapping tool for the borrower or investee to use to identify whether the relevant address is in a CDFI Investment Area at <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/small-business-programs/state-small-businesscredit-initiative-ssbci/2021-ssbci/cdfi-fund-investment-areas>. For each calendar year, Treasury will use the list of CDFI Investment Areas identified by the CDFI Fund as of January 1 of the calendar year. If the CDFI Fund’s list is updated during that calendar year, the new list will not be adopted for purposes of SSBCI until the next calendar year, thus providing advance notice to jurisdictions. Further, Treasury has determined that American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands in their entirety constitute CDFI Investment Areas for purposes of the SSBCI, because each of these territories has a poverty rate of at least 20 percent.