

Geithner details \$1.5B tax-credit program

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U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner announced \$1.5 billion in New Markets Tax Credit awards for 32 organizations nationally, including the Rockland, Mass.-based Rockland Trust Community Development Corp.

The New Markets Tax Credit program is funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The program is intended to allocate private-sector capital investment into communities around the country to create jobs, encourage economic growth and jumpstart lending, according to a release from the **U.S. Treasury Department**.

The 32 recipient organizations, announced Wednesday by Geithner while in Boston, are planning investments in renewable energy projects, charter schools, health care facilities, manufacturing companies and retail centers.

The New Markets Tax Credit Program was established by Congress in December 2000 and enables taxpayers to receive federal income tax credits for investing in Community Development Entities. The credits equal 39 percent of the cost of the investments and can be claimed over a seven-year period. A majority of the investments must be used by CDEs to make qualified investments in low-income communities.

Geithner's announcement was made today at Project Hope, a New Markets Tax Credit award recipient in Boston. Geithner was joined by Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick and Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Director Donna Gambrell.

A division of the Department of Treasury, the CDFI Fund administers the New Markets Tax Credit program.

To date, close to \$12 billion of private-sector capital has been invested through the NMTC Program.