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Arizona-Based Community Lender Supports Nearly Half a Million Small Businesses Reaching Underserved Communities Across the Country

PHOENIX – Prestamos CDFI, a division of Chicanos Por La Causa, is administering Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) economic recovery forgivable loans to small businesses. By the end of June, Prestamos will have funded over \$7.6 billion in PPP loans supporting nearly 500,000 of the smallest-of-small businesses across all 50 states, D.C., Guam and Puerto Rico.

As a nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), Prestamos sought to make the PPP program accessible to communities of color and other underserved communities who by in large were either ignored or denied initial pandemic-related economic relief assistance from mainstream banks and lenders. The majority of our PPP loans (77.8%) went to minority owned businesses.

"In order to help meet the need and provide equitable emergency relief to small businesses and independent contractors, we understood early on that we needed to advocate, facilitate access and align our efforts with other partners to reach those that wouldn't have received funding otherwise. Our PPP loans serve as a great example of CPLC's heart-meets-business philosophy," said David Adame, CPLC President & CEO. "The vital and strategic deployment of PPP funding helped traditionally unbanked and underserved communities, including racially and ethnically diverse small business owners that were initially left out. I am most proud that we made a positive impact on so many entrepreneurs helping them to keep their doors open and take care of their families."

CPLC Prestamos has provided equitable access to capital and business education to small businesses for more than 40 years, and immediately jumped to answer the call to assist struggling small businesses from the beginning of the pandemic. Knowing that underserved communities were continuing to get left behind, in 2021

CPLC Prestamos partnered with fintech company Blueacorn, to provide greater access through technology and scale efforts to get critical funds to the smallest-of-small businesses. Through these efforts we were able to reach hundreds of thousands of ride-share drivers, hairstylists, barbers, massage therapists, real estate agents, custodians, landscapers, construction contractors, musicians, artists, street vendors, among many others.

"Our team worked day and night to provide assistance and meet the needs of struggling and resilient entrepreneurs throughout the pandemic," said Jose Martinez, President of Prestamos. "Investing in small businesses and solopreneurs not only helps a family endure the crisis, but the infusion of \$7.6 billion of capital into predominately low-income communities of color fuels local economies at the neighborhood level."

About Prestamos CDFI, LLC

CPLC Prestamos is an award-winning Community Development Financial Institution and Community Development Entity that has provided small business loans and high-quality technical support services to business owners in underserved communities since 1980. CPLC Prestamos now offers loan products and investment opportunities nationwide with experienced culturally and linguistically competent bilingual advisors in Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Texas.

About Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.

Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. (CPLC) is a community development corporation that provides services in Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Texas. Since 1969, CPLC has been changing lives by developing self-sufficiency and instilling empowerment in those we serve. Our focus areas are economic development, education, integrated health & human services, and housing. CPLC provides a better life through offering business and employment opportunities; ensuring everyone has the solid foundation of an education; providing hope through a pathway of recovery, restoration, and resiliency; and ensuring that a safe, secure, affordable home is available to every individual we serve. Today, we have more than 30 programs & services, approximately 2,000 employees, and 160 locations, making CPLC one of the largest community development corporations in the nation. For more information, please visit www.CPLC.org.

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