



**COMMUNITY FIRST FUND**

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**COMMUNITY FIRST FUND ANNOUNCES NEW  
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE FOR CAPITAL REGION OFFICE**

**7/24/17:** Harrisburg, PA - Community First Fund, a non-profit community development financial institution headquartered in Lancaster, announces the appointment of Elyse Irvis as Business Development Associate for the Capital Region. In this newly created position, Irvis will be working to build connections in the Harrisburg market, educate the community on the organization's product and service offerings, and meet with potential loan applicants. She will be working out of Community First Fund's Harrisburg office located at 922 North 3rd Street.

Prior to joining Community First Fund, Irvis worked at Sponsors for Educational Opportunity, City Year Philadelphia, and as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer with the Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development.

Irvis, a resident of Harrisburg, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and International Relations from Syracuse University.

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**About Community First Fund**

Community First Fund is the premier economic development organization serving the low income communities of central and eastern Pennsylvania. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization provides loan capital to businesses, real estate developers and community support organizations throughout the region. Since 1992, Community First Fund has made more than 1580 loans and investments totaling over \$162 million to businesses, affordable housing and community based developers, and community based programs and initiatives. Get more information on Community First Fund at [www.communityfirstfund.org](http://www.communityfirstfund.org).