

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

Use Form 8847 to claim the credit for qualified contributions made to selected community development corporations (CDCs). The credit is part of the general business credit under section 38 and is figured under the provisions of section 13311 of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993.

How the Credit Is Figured

The credit is figured over a 10-year credit period beginning with the tax year the qualified CDC contribution is made. The credit for each tax year in the credit period is 5% of the qualified CDC contribution (see **Definitions** below).

When a contribution is made, selected CDCs furnish each contributor a **Schedule A (Form 8847)**, Receipt for Contribution to a Selected Community Development Corporation (CDC), with Part I of Schedule A completed. The contributor must complete Part II of Schedule A and attach the schedule to Form 8847 each year the credit is claimed. See Part II of Schedule A for details.

Definitions

A qualified CDC contribution is any transfer of cash that is:

- Made to a selected CDC during the 5-year period beginning on the date the CDC was selected by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);
- Available for use by the CDC for at least 10 years;
- To be used by the CDC for qualified low-income assistance within its operational area; and
- Designated by the CDC as a qualified contribution for purposes of the credit.

Each of the selected CDCs may designate up to \$2 million as qualified CDC contributions.

A qualified CDC contribution does not need to be a charitable contribution or gift. It may be made in the form of a 10-year loan (or other long-term investment), the principal of which is to be returned to you after the 10-year period. However, if you donate cash to a selected CDC, you may claim both the CDC credit and a charitable contribution deduction (subject to the limitations that generally apply to charitable contributions).

Qualified low-income assistance is assistance that is:

- Designed to provide employment of, and business opportunities for, low-income individuals who reside in the operational area of the CDC; and
- Approved by the Secretary of HUD.

A selected CDC is any of the following CDCs that the Secretary of HUD announced on June 30, 1994. The 12 selected urban CDCs are:

- New Economics for Women, Los Angeles, CA;
- Marshall Heights Community Development Organization, Inc., Washington, DC;
- Tacolcy Economic Development Corp., Miami, FL;
- Grasp Enterprises, Inc., Atlanta, GA;
- Bethel New Life, Inc., Chicago, IL;
- Urban Edge Housing Corp., Boston, MA;
- Southeast Development, Inc., Baltimore, MD;
- New Community Corp., Newark, NJ;
- Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corp., Brooklyn, NY;
- Hough Area Partners In Progress, Cleveland, OH;
- Free the Children, Inc., Memphis, TN; and
- The Southern Dallas Development Corp., Dallas, TX.

The eight selected rural CDCs are:

- El Pajaro Community Development Corp., Watsonville, CA;
- Kentucky Highlands Community Development Corp., London, KY;
- Coastal Enterprises, Inc., Wiscasset, ME;
- Delta Foundation, Greenville, MS;
- Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc., Mayville, NY;
- North Cambria Community Development Corp., Barnesboro, PA;
- National Rural Development & Finance Corp., San Antonio, TX; and
- Virginia Mountain Housing, Inc., Christiansburg, VA.

For more details on these selected CDCs, see HUD News Release No. 94-94, dated June 30, 1994.

S Corporations and Partnerships

S corporations and partnerships complete lines 1 through 4 of Form 8847 to figure the credit to pass through to their partners or shareholders. The entity attaches Form 8847 to its tax return with a Schedule A (Form 8847) for each CDC contribution made.

Specific Instructions

Part I

Note: *If the only credit claimed on Form 8847 is a credit you received from a partnership or S corporation, you do not have to obtain or attach Schedule A (Form 8847) to Form 8847. Disregard lines 1 and 2 and complete lines 3 and 4 of Part I and the applicable lines of Part II (or Form 3800, if required).*

Line 1.—Enter the total qualified CDC contributions you made as reported in Part I of the attached Schedule(s) A (Form 8847).

Keep all original Schedule(s) A (Form 8847) received from the CDCs for 3 years after the 10-year credit period.

Who Must File Form 3800

If for this year you have more than one of the credits included in the general business credit listed below, a carryback or carryforward of any of the credits, or a credit for contributions to selected CDCs from a passive activity, you must complete **Form 3800**, General Business Credit, instead of Part II of Form 8847 to figure the tax liability limitation.

The general business credit consists of the following credits:

- Investment (Form 3468),
- Jobs (Form 5884),
- Alcohol used as fuel (Form 6478),
- Research (Form 6765),
- Low-income housing (Form 8586),
- Enhanced oil recovery (Form 8830),
- Disabled access (Form 8826),
- Renewable electricity production (Form 8835),
- Indian employment (Form 8845),
- Employer social security and Medicare taxes paid on certain employee tips (Form 8846),
- Contributions to selected community development corporations (Form 8847), and
- Trans-Alaska pipeline liability fund.

The empowerment zone employment credit (Form 8844), while a component of the general business credit, is figured separately on Form 8844 and is never carried to Form 3800.

Part II

Line 8.—Enter the tentative minimum tax (TMT) that was figured on the appropriate alternative minimum tax (AMT) form or schedule. Although you may not owe AMT, you must still compute the TMT to figure your credit.

Line 10.—If a husband and wife file separate returns, each must use \$12,500. But if one of them has no current year CDC credit, then the other may use the entire \$25,000 amount.

If you are a member of a controlled group, enter only your apportioned share of the \$25,000 amount.

See section 38(c)(3)(C) for limitations on the CDC credit for thrift institutions, regulated investment companies, and real estate investment trusts.

Line 12.—If you cannot use part of the credit because of the tax liability limitations (line 12 is smaller than line 4), carry the unused portion back to each of the 3 preceding tax years, beginning with the earliest. Any remaining unused credit is then carried forward for 15 years. See the separate instructions for Form 3800 for details.

