



**COVID-19 Emergency
Loan Fund**

JUST FUNDED



**FUNDED:
2020**

The Aquarium of the Bay
San Francisco, CA

\$1 Million in COVID-19 Emergency Financing to Aquarium of the Bay

The Aquarium of the Bay is a public aquarium located on the historic San Francisco waterfront at Pier 39. It features more than 20,000 marine animals and focuses on educating and inspiring climate resilience and global ocean conservation. A Smithsonian Affiliate, the aquarium has existed for 30 years and serves millions.

Effective midnight on March 17th, the aquarium—along with other businesses and organizations in San Francisco—was closed to the public as a necessary response to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Faced with this unprecedented situation, the Aquarium of the Bay approached Clearinghouse CDFI.

Clearinghouse CDFI provided \$1 million in financing through its **COVID-19 Emergency Loan Fund** for the Aquarium of the Bay to meet its working capital needs. The aquarium will use these funds to maintain facility operations, including animal care, payroll, maintenance, and to purchase feed and supplies.

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