



National Credit Union Administration
Office of Credit Union Resources and Expansion

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VIA EMAIL: roydozier@sbcglobal.net

Mr. Roy Dozier
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Dear Mr. Dozier:

RE: Proposed Fair Break Federal Credit Union

Thank you for your interest in chartering a federal credit union. We reviewed your request for preliminary approval of the field of membership for the proposed Fair Break Federal Credit Union. The proposed community meets our regulatory definition of a well-defined local community. We have preliminarily approved a community field of membership for the proposed credit union to read as follows:

“Persons who live, work, worship, attend school, participate in programs to alleviate poverty or distress, or participate in associations headquartered in; and businesses and other legal entities, incorporated and unincorporated organizations located in, or maintaining a facility located in the low-income community of the Memphis, Tennessee-Mississippi-Arkansas Combined Statistical Area including Crittenden or St. Francis Counties, Arkansas; Fayette, Shelby, or Tipton Counties, Tennessee; Desoto, Marshall, Tate, or Tunica Counties, Mississippi.

Spouses of persons who died while within the field of membership of this credit union; employees of this credit union; volunteers in the community; members of the immediate family or household; and organizations of such persons.”

The community you propose to serve is considered large, both in size and population, for a de novo credit union. Please be aware that your business plan must support the proposed credit union’s intent and ability to serve its entire field of membership.

You also requested a low-income designation. The community meets our regulatory definition of low-income. The approved field of membership language above is standard wording for a low-income designated community field of membership for a federal credit union.

If you agree with the wording of your proposed credit union’s field of membership, you can move forward with developing the remainder of your charter application.

Please note the preliminary approval is for the proposed federal credit union’s field of membership only. You may not advertise, or otherwise indicate, the proposed federal credit union is a federally insured financial institution prior to receiving NCUA’s approval of a complete charter application. Please reference the “proposed Fair Break Federal Credit Union” prior to obtaining charter approval.

We reserved the name “Fair Break Federal Credit Union” for your future use. You are responsible for ensuring the name does not constitute an infringement on the name of another credit union or corporation. This responsibility also includes researching service marks or trademarks used by another credit union, bank, or corporation.

The next step is to complete the remaining items detailed in the Federal Credit Union Charter Application Guide at steps 5-15, which becomes the application. The Guide provides direction and guidance on the steps you need to complete in order to receive a charter from NCUA including templates and other examples. You can access the Guide at [FCU Charter Application Guide](#).

Your next steps should include:

- (1) Solicitation of donated capital for the proposed credit union. Donated capital must be supported by commitment letters and financial statements from the donors or other proof of the ability to fund (e.g. bank statement).
- (2) Surveying the potential members of the proposed credit union. Please ensure the surveys are obtained from a random sample of potential members who represent a cross-section of the entire field of membership. Refer to the Guide (see link above) for a sample survey and procedures on determining a sample size.
- (3) Formulating the assumptions you will use in the business plan and pro-forma financial projections, supported by the results obtained from the survey.

Please contact CURE Coordinator Sue Graham if you have any questions or require clarification on any parts of the chartering application process. You can reach Sue at (571) 458-0087 or by email at sjgraham@ncua.gov.

Sincerely,

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