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The purpose of this thesis is to conduct a feasibility study on the development of financial institutions by housing co-operatives for low income members. Our case study targeted on Bangkok housing co-operatives which were granted loans by the urban community development office. Information was obtained by "Questionnaire-Interviewing" members and by "Recording-Interviewing" from the directors of the housing co-operatives.

The research indicated that the housing co-operatives provided low-income members with opportunities to possess houses. The housing co-opeatives were operated by the community with collective responsibility with flexible determining interest rates and payment conditions. Most of the members were able to settle loan payments because they earned sufficient. Moreover, due to the fact that the right over land plots still belong to the housing co-operatives while their members pay their installment, there were no problems arising from bad debts.

At the beginning stage of development a housing co-operative, it is necessary to inform members to participate in every decision of

the hous	ing co-operative.	The housing co-operative management team
should b	e advised to pl	ace major priority on book keeping and
updating.	In addition, the	urban community development office may take
the roles	s of increasing th	he housing loans to meet the requirements,
maintain	ng the interest	rates and organizing a sample housing
co-operat	ive to set trends	for other housing co-operatives.
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