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## Collaboration is the New Competition

TRF, LIIF, PCG and ACC  
October 18, 2013

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## Agenda


- ★ Introductions
- ★ Collaboration!
- ★ Why collaborate?
- ★ Models of collaboration
  - Ingredients of healthy collaboration
- ★ Outcomes/Challenges
- ★ Lessons Learned
- ★ Questions

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**THE REINVESTMENT FUND**  
Capital at the point of impact.

**The Reinvestment Fund builds wealth and opportunity for low-wealth people and places through the promotion of socially and environmentally responsible development.**


**Business Lines**




**Lending and Investing**



**Policy Solutions**




**Real Estate Development**



**PolicyMap**

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## Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF)

- ★ Mission-driven nonprofit CDFI founded in 1984
- ★ Invested \$1.3 billion, leveraged \$6.8 billion
- ★ Headquartered in San Francisco, with offices in Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D.C.
- ★ Activities: Financing, fund structuring, policy, technical assistance and programming
- ★ Programs: housing, education, child care, health, transit-oriented development

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## Partners for the Common Good

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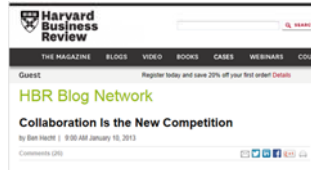
## Mountain BizWorks

- ★ MBW: 25 year old CDFI providing loan capital and TA to small businesses and entrepreneurs in 40 WNC counties
- ★ Asset-size: \$5mm, Loans o/s: \$3.1mm
- ★ Capitalization: 75% public funders
- ★ ~3 years ago pivoted from a training-led microlender to a credit-led CDFI
- ★ Greatest constraint to growth (scale & sustainability): our balance sheet

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- ★ Ben Hecht, Living Cities, HBS blog, Jan 2013  
[http://blogs.hbr.org/cs/2013/01/collaboration\\_is\\_the\\_new\\_compe.html](http://blogs.hbr.org/cs/2013/01/collaboration_is_the_new_compe.html)

- ★ Marketing literature references ~2010

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## “Co-Labor”

- ★ Working together to do a task
- ★ Team up, join, band together
- ★ “to cooperate with an agency or instrumentality with which one is not immediately connected”

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## CDFI collaboration

- ★ lending
- ★ capital raise
- ★ policy/advocacy

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## Path to Collaboration

- ★ Joint exploration of a new sector
  - Shared costs.
  - Shared learning.
- ★ Building on past successful transactional collaboration
- ★ Developed shared objectives for collaboration

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## Model of Collaboration

- ★ Capital
  - 50/50 shared capital model.
  - Shared underwriting guidelines.
  - Coordinating marketing efforts.
  - Joint loan committee presentations.
  
- ★ Fundraising
  
- ★ Policy



## Ingredients of a Healthy Collaboration

- ★ Transparency
  
- ★ Shared objectives
  
- ★ Relationship building at all levels of organization
  
- ★ Constant communication



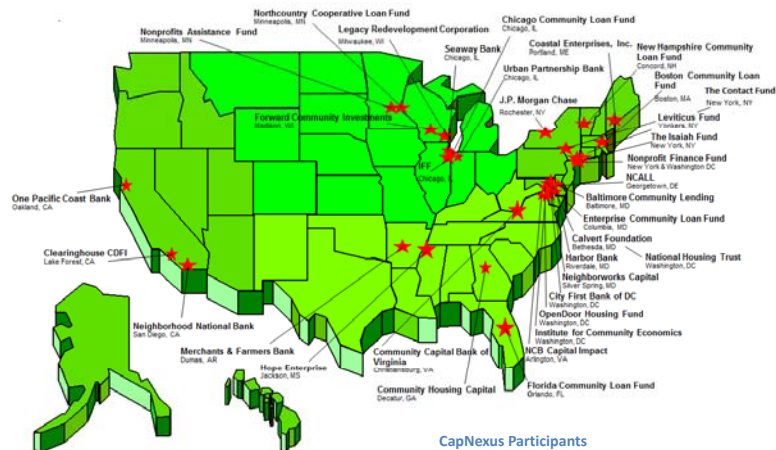
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## Ingredients of healthy collaboration (for lending partners)

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## Appalachian Community Capital The Model

- ★ A member-controlled capital intermediary
- ★ Current participants: 13 small business development lenders
- ★ Governance: 9-member Board of Directors
- ★ Geography: 13-state Appalachian region
- ★ Likely or pending funding sources: to include the Appalachian Regional Commission, financial institutions, foundations and utilities, etc.

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## The Problem

### *Visible disparities in the deployment of capital*

- ★ Recent studies highlight the disparities:
  - Appalachian small businesses receive 82% of the loans of their comparable counterparts nationally
  - Businesses in Appalachia's economically distressed counties receive less than 60% of the loans of their national counterparts.
  - The full report of "Access to Capital and Credit in Appalachia" is now accessible via ARC's web site at this link: [http://www.arc.gov/research/researchreportdetails.asp?REPORT\\_ID=104](http://www.arc.gov/research/researchreportdetails.asp?REPORT_ID=104)

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## The Opportunity *Appalachian Community Capital*

- ★ ARC convened a group of small business community loan funds (most are CDFIs) to establish a capital intermediary, ACC.
- ★ Over the better part of 18 months they supported our earliest organizing efforts to draft a Board of Directors, raise capital, approve bylaws, articles of incorporation, guidelines for participation in this intermediary, the recruitment of a CEO, etc.

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## Positive Outcomes Challenges Lessons Learned

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# Questions?

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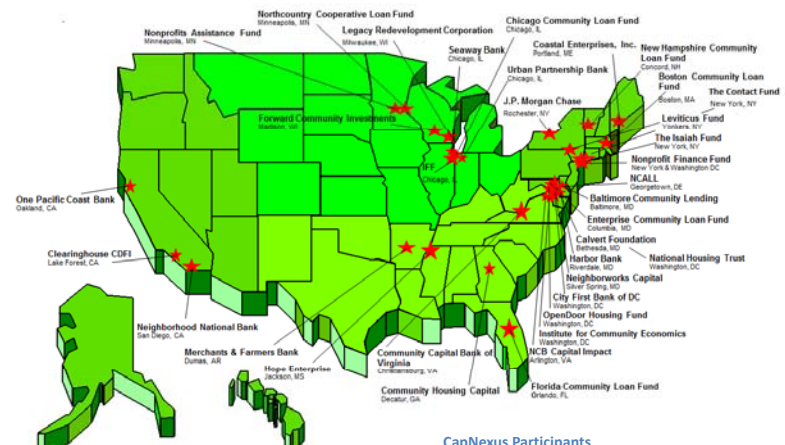


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