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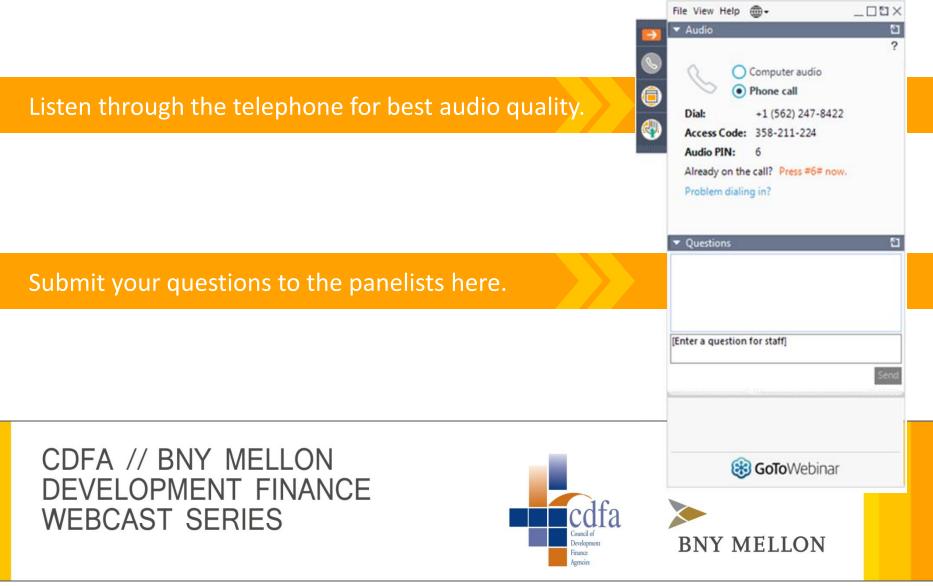
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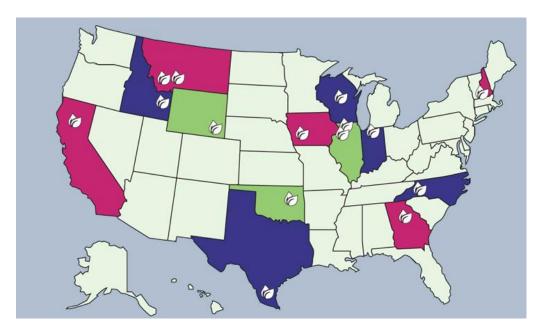


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## The Local Crowd

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Crowdfunding Made Local

### COMMUNITY. CONNECTION. CAPITAL.

www.thelocalcrowd.com Where people gather to share stories, resources, and love for community.



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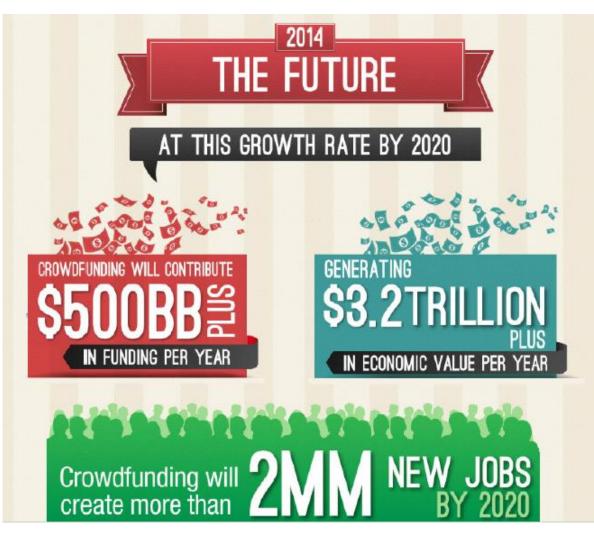
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## The Crowdfunding Industry

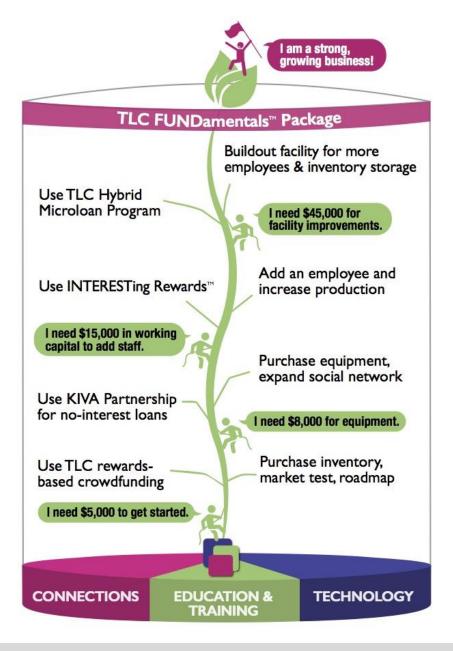




## Types of Crowdfunding



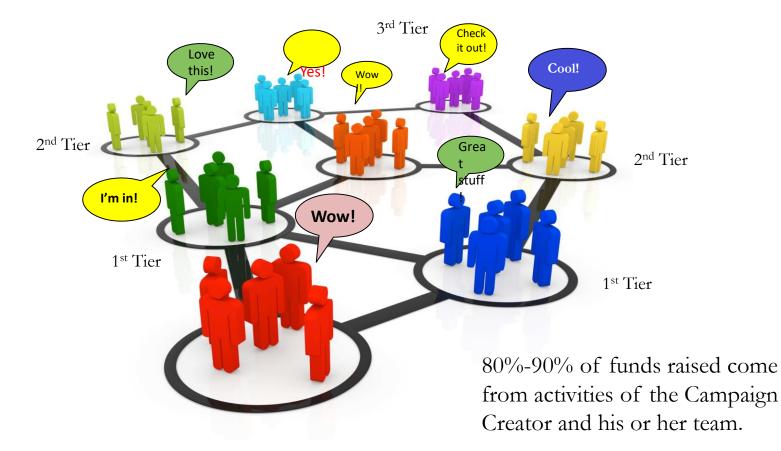




## TLC "Seed" Crowdfunding



## How Crowdfunding Works...





## Can a Crowdfunding Strategy Help Create Sustainable Rural Communities?

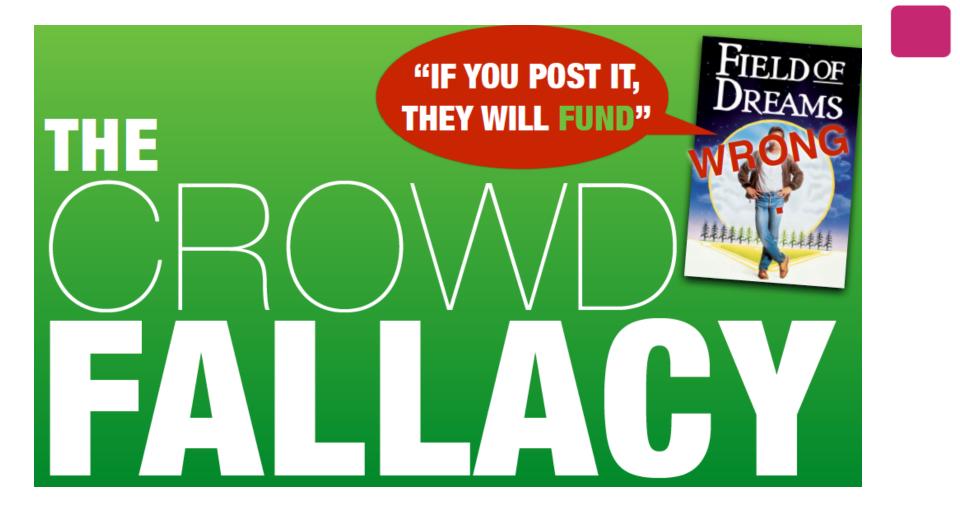


### Crowdfunding Research conducted in 2014-2017



United States Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture







## Wow, Easy Money! NOT!



### Success Rate = <50% Average Successful Campaigns Raise = ~\$7,000

#### 9 Boulder, CO

Funding Unsuccessful Project ended on Jun 27, 2013

#### Boulder, CO

#### Funding Unsuccessful

Project ended on Aug 24, 2013

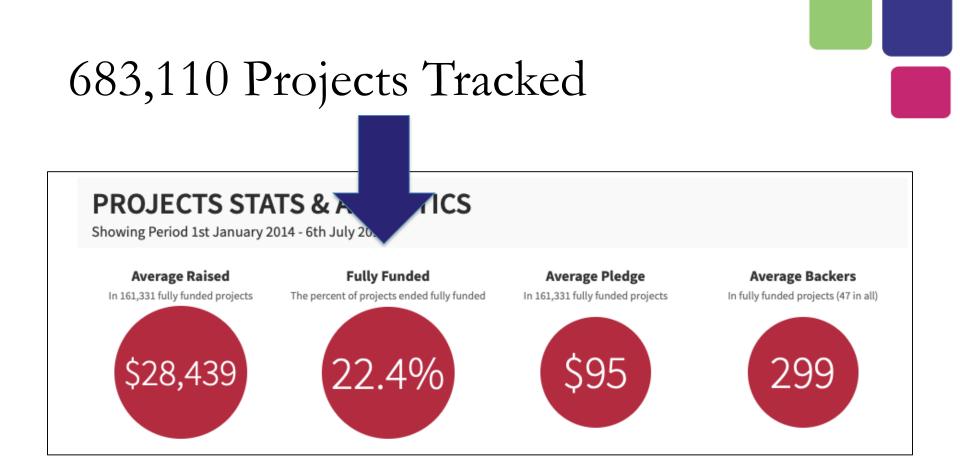
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## It's About Education Teaching Best Practices → Creating User Success Videos raise 105% more. Day to Day marketing plans raise 180% more. Regular updates raise $126^{\circ}/_{\circ}$ more. Teams raise **38%** more. Best campaigns last **20-40** days. Once you reach your goal, you are 78% more likely to exceed it. People are 22% more likely to give once Personal email is **Best** way to connect. the project has reached 40% of its goal. Best descriptions are **300-500** words. -Massolutions Crowdfunding Industry Report



The benefits are far more valuable than the money you'll raise! Crowdfunding...

- Focuses your business plan
- Proves concept in marketplace
- Erings sales & presales
- Teaches you about your business & yourself
- Gives lots of exposure
- Expands your customer list
- Prepares you for additional funding
- i Identifies potential partners and collaborators



## It's About Relationships

Building and connecting your community

- Doing something meaningful
- Having authentic voice
- Telling compelling story
- Keeping an engaged audience

Money comes after you create connections



# It's About the Democratization of Capital

Just 4% of total dollar value of business loans goes to women and 7% of venture capital funds.

Evidence of the Unconscious bias — "Grey Suit Factor"

Women Unbound report (published by PWC & Crowdfunding Center) found that women-led campaigns reach their goals more often than men in almost every sector.





## It's About Community



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Yoga for Recovery

A community-funded effort geared toward supporting the individuals of our community who are in recovery by providing scholarships to attend regular yoga...



Education



2019 Plaid Friday, Cider Monday and More

YOU can help us inspire more of our friends and neighbors to support locally owned businesses by shifting more of our holiday spending to independent bu...

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## It's About Local

#### Education



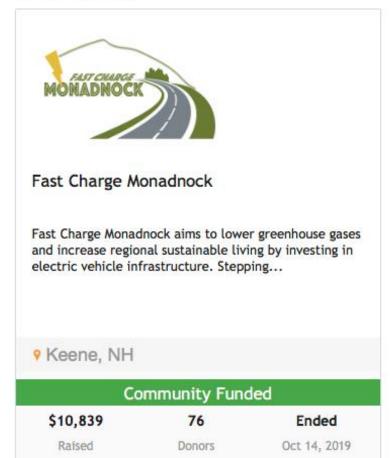
#### A Stone Mill for Mill Hollow

In communities all across America, bakeries are introducing their customers to the increased nutritional value and flavor of baked goods made with fresh...

#### east Alstead, NH

Community Funded		
\$14,467	119	Ended
Raised	Donors	Oct 3, 2019

#### **Renewable Energy**





## Introducing TLC 4SE!



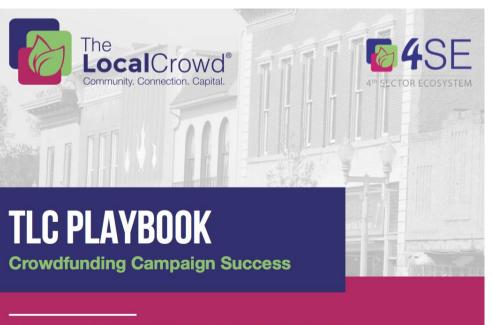
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**G4**SE FORCE!

"All fourth sector education and information exists at the 6,000 foot level. You are going to bring it to the six-foot level." --Rajesh Mehta NSF Program Manager

## Five Pilot Communities

- 🙋 Monadnock Region, NH
- Upper Valley VT & NH
- OmniWorks Business Incubator, East LA, CA
- 🙋 Laramie, Wyoming
- Social Enterprises affiliated with the Social Enterprise Alliance



This playbook will help you turn your passion, idea, or project into a successful crowdfunded campaign.



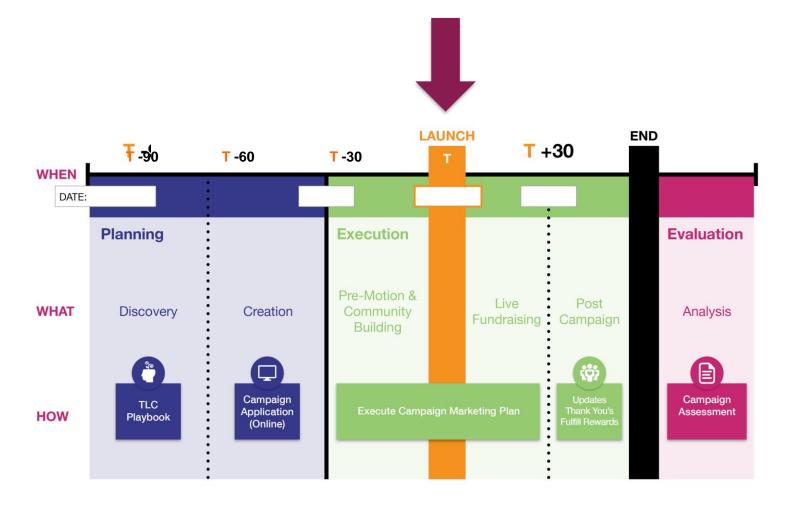
## A New Opportunity! Expanding TLC's 4SE Communities

- Join us in our next round of learning
- Respond to our RFP for a new training cohort
- We want communities that will elevate their social enterprises and businesses with a crowdfunding and education tool





## Moving forward with TLC







## **THANK YOU!**

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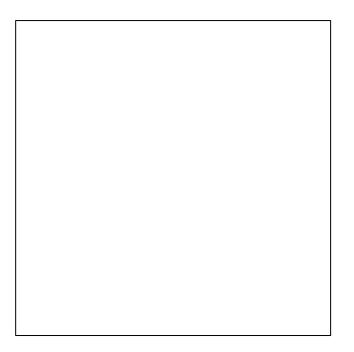


### Building communities, one small business at a time

Topiltzin Gomez Community Partnerships & Philly City Manager

## Agenda

- 1. State of Small Business Lending
- 2. Regulation Crowdfunding
- 3. Honeycomb Credit





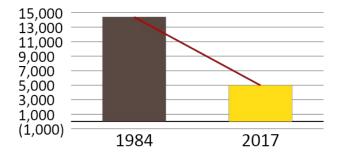
## The Problem

Historically, community banks provided the most growth capital to small business.

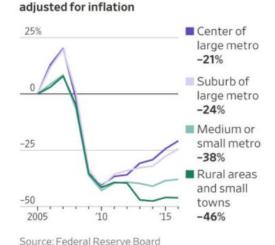
But we lose 1 community bank every day due to consolidation...

...meaning creditworthy small businesses can't get growth capital.

#### **U.S. Community Banks**

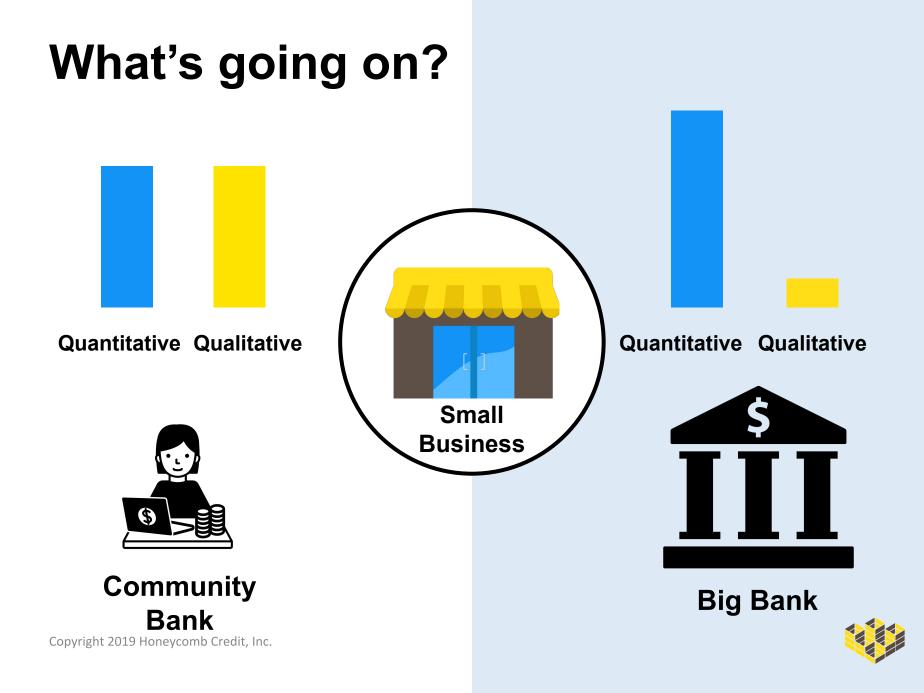


Source: "The State of Small Business Lending." Harvard Business School. 2016.

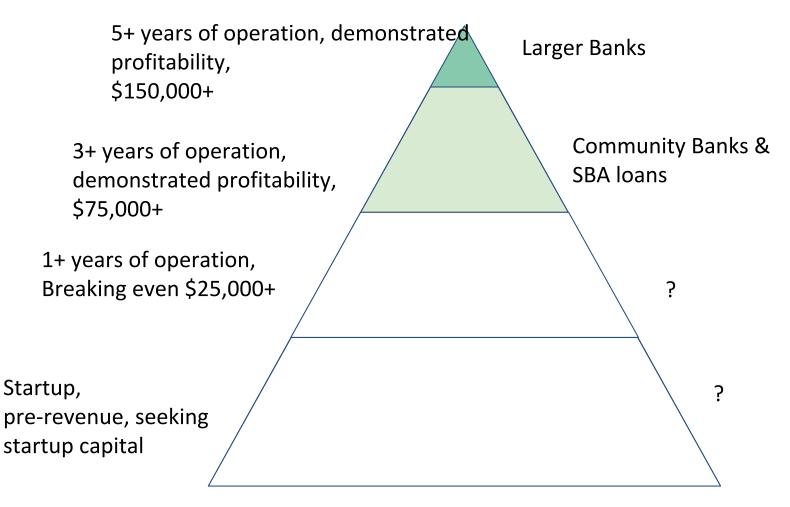


Small bank loans, change since 2005,



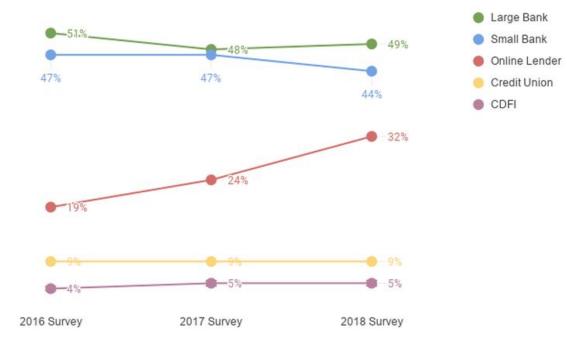


# Banks loans are a great option for a small subset of small businesses



## The rise of fintech

% of Business Applicants by Credit Source





## **Enter Regulation Crowdfunding**

Rules governing Regulation Crowdfunding are finalized



The Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act ("JOBS Act") establishes a structure for smaller businesses to raise capital through securities offers through Regulation Crowdfunding

50+ Regulation Crowdfunding portals in existence focusing primarily on funding technology ventures



#### **Why It Matters**



Meet Naomi of Pittsburgh Juice Company. She needs \$35,000 to purchase a juice delivery truck.

The need is too large for Naomi's business credit card, so she considers her financing options:

#### INDIEGOGO

#### kiva

Not viable for establishe@reat terms, but businesses cap loans at \$10k



Convenient, but very expensive with APRs of 40%+



Minimum loan of \$100k+ and burdensome application

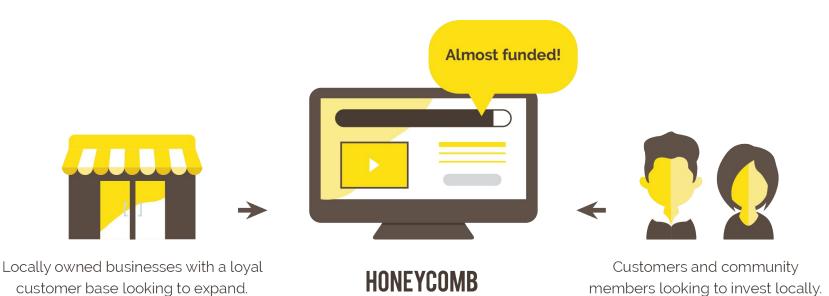


# Great businesses deserve great options.



#### That's where we come in.

Honeycomb Credit allows locally owned businesses to borrow from their own customers and community.

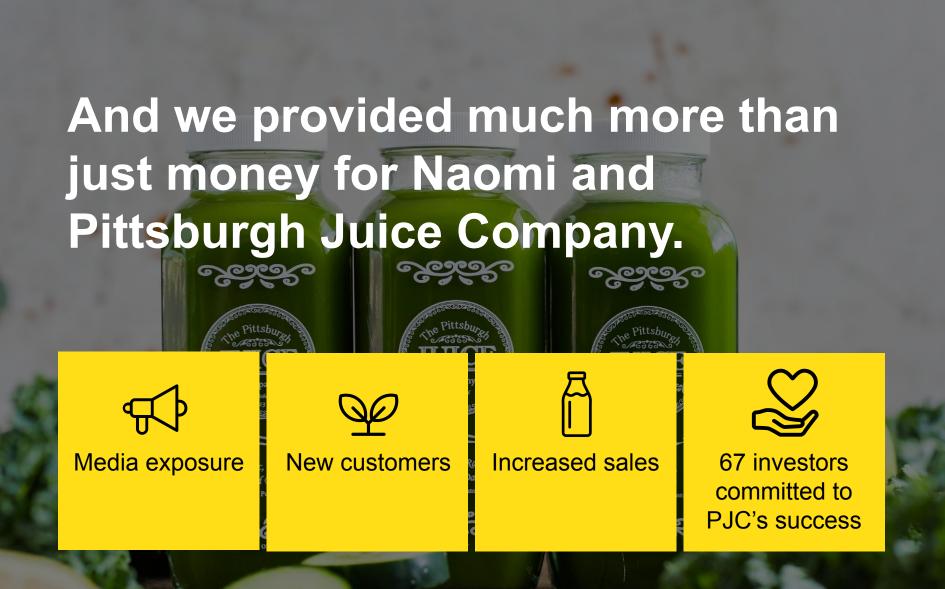


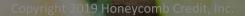


## We were able to help Naomi raise funds.









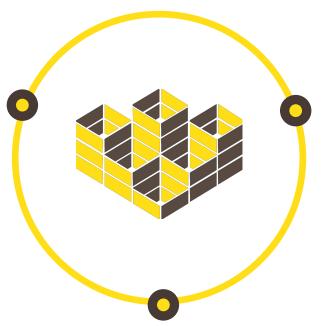


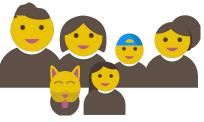
#### **The Broader Impact**



#### Investor

- Invest locally for as little as \$100
- Participate in the financial success of favorite businesses
- Earn up to 6-14%





#### Community

- Healthier businesses
- Stronger ties between business owners and community members

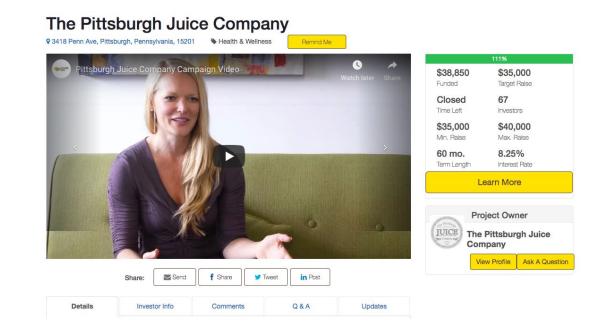


#### **Small Business**

- Fair expansion capital
- No equity dilution
- Buzz for growth projects



#### From a business's perspective





Submit a loan application



Market your campaign with support from Honeycomb



Reach your minimum goal and execute your project



Repay your community of investors



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Sign a term

sheet and build

your campaign

#### **Businesses We Work With**



Small business with <u>6+ months\*</u> of operating history, a <u>dedicated local following</u>, and a capital need between <u>\$10,000 and \$100,000</u>



# Putting community capital to work in neighborhoods across the Mid-Atlantic



600+ community investors Deployed over \$1M into Main Street small businesses

Supporting the growth of 50+ small businesses Driving revenue increases of about 27% on average



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## What can we report?

- 1. Everyday people want to be financial participants in their community's development.
- 2. The future of small business finance is decentralized with institutions taking cues from community investors and vice versa
- 3. Regulation Crowdfunding can present a powerful tool to bring unlock private capital to help close the small business lending gap in a way that brings neighbors and businesses closer together.





#### Honeycomb Credit unlocks growth opportunities for small businesses to build vibrant, financially empowered comunities.

Join the #InvestLocal movement! Sign up for our newsletter at honeycombcredit.com Let's chat - topiltzin@honeycombcredit.com

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## Sourcing Local Capital for Employee-Owned Enterprises to Keep Wealth Local

#### Marjorie Exec. VP, The Democracy Collaborative

Dec. 17, 2019



#### **Preserving local wealth**

Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy.

They provide 48% of all jobs in U.S.

Employee ownership keeps these

#### Local businesses circulate 3x more money back into the local economy



businesses locally rooted long term.



#### The Time Is Right: Baby boom transition

- 2.3 mil. retiring baby boom business owners will be selling or liquidating their businesses in the next two decades.
- Boomer businesses represent \$5 bil. in sales, 25 mil workers.
- Fewer than 13% have a written exit strategy. These businesses could be sold to competitors, moved out of communities, closed down—or they could be sold to employees and kept local.

Employee ownership conversions can turn boomer retirement into an opportunity to rebuild a strong U.S. economy where all can prosper. "Trillions of dollars of business value are going to change hands in the next 10 to 20 years."

> —Bob Balaban, Headwaters MB, a Denver-based investment bank







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Numbers exclude publicly traded and nonemployer businesses



## 1,200 businesses in Berkeley are over 20 years old. They account for **\$1.6B** or **60%** of small business revenue. These businesses employ 1 in 3workers.

According to a Project Equity study. Measurements indicate percentages of total businesses included in the study and do not include nonprofits, publicly traded companies, franchises, public sector and related companies.



## Berkeley: City strategy

- Cities advancing EO: NYC, Madison WI, Newark, Rochester NY, Washington.
- Berkeley city council resolution 2017: support for worker cooperatives.
- RFP 2018, Project Equity won grant to support business retention thru EO.
- One strategy is providing capital.



Berkeley – Bay Area, city of 120,000.

Home to 50-year old, iconic Cheese Board Collective, worker cooperative.



## The project:

- Began early 2018.
- Project Equity is project hub. Players include city economic development, local EO businesses, nonprofit law center.
- <u>Data</u>: business inventory made potential loss of local businesses tangible.
- 2. <u>Awareness:</u> reach out to selected local businesses.
- **3.** <u>Support</u> conversions, with TA and capital access.

#### JOIN US FOR THE BERKELEY BUSINESS SUCCESS FORUM

Sell your company AND keep it rooted in your community with employee ownership

> June 2019 – Business Success Forum held at Sun Light & Power.

Presentation by Berkeley Economic Development Manager.

Employee owners presented why this works for them.



## Berkeley revolving loan fund: New loan guarantee rules

- Berkeley small business loan fund established 1987 with US EDA grant of \$500,000 – supports minority- and women-led businesses. Because of loan guarantee rules, loans to cooperatives rare.
- Sept. 2019, City Council approved "limited guarantee" policy for worker co-ops. Loan fund can now fund purchases of buz by employees.
- 520 EDA revolving loan funds nationwide could replicate.





#### Evergreen Cooperatives: Started by Cleveland Foundation and TDC

The three Evergreen Cooperatives of Cleveland were created to hire the disadvantaged, do green development, model the role of anchor institutions.

- Green City Growers
- Evergreen Energy Solutions
- Evergreen Cooperative Laundry

Employ 240. About 40% formerly incarcerated. Living wage. Profit sharing 2017: \$4,000. Program to help employees buy homes.

## **Evergreen Cooperative Laundry**

- LEED Certified building.
- 10 mil. pound capacity.
- Worker cooperative.
- Initiated by Cleveland Foundation, Democracy Collaborative, other local anchors.

This commercial laundry is supported by large contracts from local anchor institutions: e.g. University Hospitals, Cleveland Clinic.



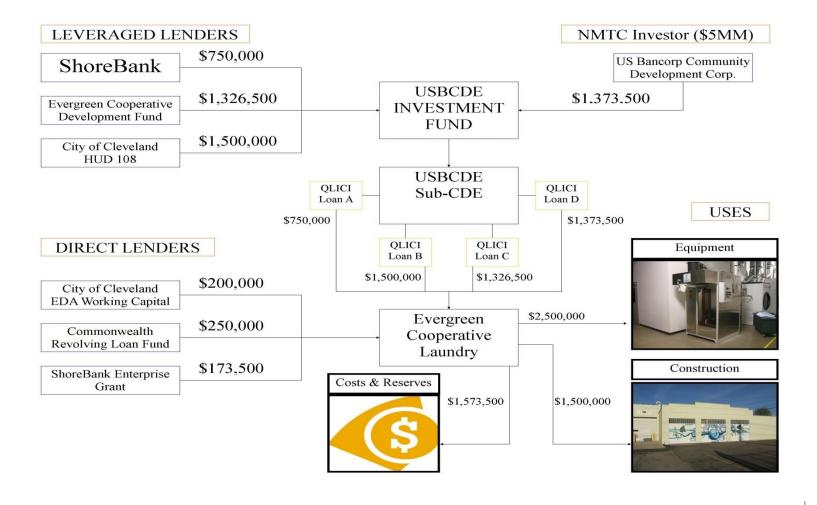


## **Evergreen Cooperative Laundry Financing (2009): \$5.6 million**

- \$1.5 Million, City of Cleveland Empowerment Zone/HUD 108 Funds
- □ \$750,000 Loan from ShoreBank
- \$1.3 mil. Evergreen Cooperative Developmt Fund
- □ \$1.4 mil. New Markets Tax Credits investments
- \$200,000, City of Cleveland EDA Title IX Working Capital Loan
- \$250,000, Commonwealth Fund loan
- **\$183,500, Enterprise Grant**



## **Laundry Project Financing**





## **Employment Goals**

#### Provide training in:

- ✓ Job-specific skills
- ✓ Life skills
- Provide employment



for residents low-income neighborhood

- Provide opportunity for wealth creation in the community
- People of color: now 80%+ of employees
- Half formerly incarcerated



## **Green City Growers**

- Herbs and lettuce grown pesticide-free. Ladybugs control insects.
- Non-GMO.
- Worker cooperative.
- \$800,000 contract for basil by Nestle.
- Created 42 jobs.



This commercial-scale facility features three football fields under glass, growing lettuce and herbs hydroponically.

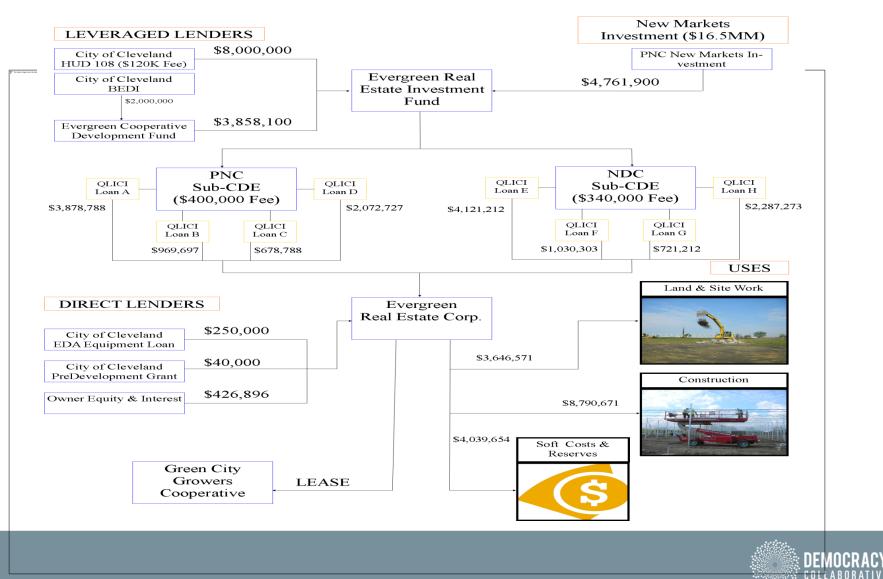


## Green City Growers Financing: \$16.5 mil.

- □ \$8 mil., City of Cleveland HUD 108 Funds
- **\$2 mil., City of Cleveland HUD-BEDI Funds**
- □ \$458,100 Day Loan from CDA
- \$1.4 mil., Evergreen Cooperative Development Fund
- \$4,8 mil., New Markets Tax Credits investments
- \$250,000, City of Cleveland EDA Equipment Loan
- \$40,000, City of Cleveland NDP Program Grant
- \$415,000, Equity Contributions



## **Greenhouse Project Funding**



## Expansion: Fund for Employee Ownership

- Launched Nov. 2018; already raised \$13 million. Had existing loan fund at Evergreen; FEO is located within it. Shift from startups to conversions.
- Concessionary PE approach: buy, hold, convert, support enterprises. Exit to worker ownership via Evergreen network.



Brett Jones of Evergreen Business Services, one of founders of FEO.

Focus is creating quality jobs NE Ohio. After proof of concept, may go national. First acquisition 2019.



## Greater University Circle Initiative

- GUCI is network of anchors in center of Cleveland.
- Initially did physical development: e.g. Uptown, \$150 mil. development.
- Mission: Buy Local, Hire Local, Live Local, Connect.
- GUCI started Evergreen.
   Recent contract for all laundry of Cleveland Clinic.



Cleveland Foundation initially convened GUCI.

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals: <u>\$13 billion</u> <u>aggregate revenue.</u>



# Anchor institutions as development partners:

The Democracy Collaborative's Healthcare Anchor Network, 45 nonprofit hospitals and health systems represent:

- 1.4 million employees.
- **\$65 billion** annual procurement.
- **\$200 billion** in investment portfolios/endowments.
- 1% place-based impact investing pledge by 14 systems: \$700 million.
- Anchors are interested in building community wealth.



Dec. 2016 Democracy Collaborative convening, "Advancing the Anchor Mission of Health Care."



## Cleveland Clinic and Evergreen

- 2018, Evergreen Laundry won competitive bid for all laundry of Cleveland Clinic.
- 100 new workers overnight on fast track to ownership.
- Starting pay went up 10%.
   Profit distributions 2018 increased pay by \$3/hour.
- Now employs 165. 28 mil. pounds laundry processed.

Expansion opportunities significant. Yale, CASE working with Evergreen to transition laundries to EO.

8 hospital systems in HAN interested, following tour of Evergreen. Many need capital. <u>Potential partners with DFAs?</u>





## Sector strategy: Home care cooperatives

- CHCA: 100% employee owned.
- Employs 2,300.
- African-American, Latina.
- Turnover half industry average.
- Co. 33 years old; profitable 30 those years.
- Has inspired movement to replicate this model.





#### Home care poised for growth

- Home health aides to expand by 1 mil. by 2024.
- EO has unique value-add to this sector: model creates competitive advantage through higher quality service and lower turnover.
- Worker cooperatives could dominate this sector.



CHCA created PHI, nonprofit policy & consulting arm. Has helped raise wage floor for entire industry.

CHCA/PHI train 600 a year, with guaranteed job.



### Ecosystem for home care co-ops.

- 15 worker-owned home care agencies exist or starting.
- ICA Group is a leader of this movement.
- Annual conference: National Home Care Cooperatives Conference.
- Organized by Cooperative Development Foundation.



Homecare Cooperative Initiative

National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp. hosts conf. USDA Rural Development funding.



## **Questions/Dialogue**

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