New Partners for Smart Growth Conference

Financing Smart Rural Places: Wealth Building Tools to Propel Economic Transition

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Why Foundations invest in CDFIs

- Use their resources in local projects
- CDFIs can do things foundations cannot do, e.g. lend to for-profit businesses
- Leverage other funds for CDFIs
- Support economic development work
- Help CDFIs become more self-sufficient
How Foundations invest in CDFIs

- Grants for operating support or to add to loan capital available
- Mission Related Investments or Program Related Investments
Craft3 is a Nonprofit CDFI Loan Fund Serving Oregon and Washington

- Founded in 1994 to strengthen economic, ecological and family resilience in Pacific Northwest communities
- A regional institution serving rural and urban communities
- Staff of 52 people with feet on the ground from 7 offices (Astoria, Bend, Portland, OR; Ilwaco, Port Angeles, Seattle Spokane, WA)
- Manages $190 million in assets
- Historic deployment of $380 million supporting triple bottom line outcomes
Craft3 Delivers Loans to Businesses, Nonprofits, Governments and Families

- **Commercial Loans**
  - Business Loans for start-up and expansion; real estate; equipment; working capital
  - Community Development Loans for health care, childcare, education and human services initiatives; and
  - Conservation Loans to acquire sensitive lands, restore habitat and protect water quality.

- **Consumer Loans**
  - Energy-Efficiency Loans to property owners to reduce CO2 emissions
  - Clean Water Loans to property owners to repair or replace failing septic systems
Craft3 Strategically Collaborates with Trusted and Aligned Partners

- **Capital**: Foundations, banks, corporations, government agencies, religious institutions and individuals support capitalization.

- **Referrals**: Banks, economic development corporations, government agencies, CDFIs advance product delivery.

- **Capital Plus**: Community colleges, small business development centers, SCORE, attorneys and CPAs and others deliver technical assistance beyond that offered by Craft3.
Craft3’s Strategy Advances Regional Resilience

- **Regional Economic Centers**
  - Craft3 concentrates investment and locates offices in these places to amplify outcome achievement.

- **Rural-Urban Linkages**
  - Craft3 makes investments that strengthen the value proposition between rural and urban communities.
Craft3’s Uses Traditional Inputs and Adds Value to Drive Resilience

Theory of Change

- Targeted Investing
  - Disciplined by Resilience Strategy and Outcomes

- Capital
  - Amplified by the aligned outcomes of partners and collaborators

- Capital Plus
  - Create “dots” that are connected by place and that amplify on each other

- Outcomes/Impact
  - And cause tipping points in favor of market function that are good for environment and the excluded

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Lending to people, Investing for resilience
Craft3 has Served the Lower Columbia Region for Over Two Decades

- 350 Loans Totaling $49.7 million has supported:
  - 2,800 jobs created/retained
  - 3,600 low-income families assisted
  - 233 million gallons of water treated or conserved
  - $52 million in investment leveraged
Mill Pond Village
Astoria, OR

- $1 million loan for brownfield remediation
- Cleaned up 16 acres of contaminated lands on former sawmill site
- Supported the development of mixed use housing and catalyzed redevelopment of a low-income CT
- Craft3 Loan funded by Meyer Memorial Trust. Leveraged funds from U.S. EPA.
Clatsop Community College
Astoria, OR

- $10 million NMTC investment for new construction, building renovation and demolition and ADA accessibility
- Retained 120 jobs in a high-poverty census tract
- Assisted 400 low-income families
- Created/retained 7,000 education and training slots
- Leveraged $17.5 million
- Craft3 Loan funded by Wells Fargo. Leveraged funds from Meyer Memorial Trust and other foundations, FEMA, and bond proceeds.
Fort George Brewery + Public House
Astoria, OR

- $679,000 in loans to purchase a larger 30-barrel brewing system, a cold storage warehouse and building improvements.
- Created/retained 70 jobs
- Leveraged $255,000
- Craft3 Loan funded by JPMorgan Chase & USDA IRP
  Leveraged funds from Evergreen, Astoria URA, State of Oregon
Fort George Brewery + Public House
Brewing Up Family Wage Jobs

Video:
http://www.craft3.org/results/videos/video-details/brewing-up-jobs
Learn more about Craft3 and The Ford Family Foundation

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