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Using creative, flexible finance as a tool for change

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We believe using finance as a tool for change is critical to making stronger communities, but financial transactions can be hard to wrap your head around. So over the next three months, we're sharing stories that unpack the power of [creative and flexible finance](#).

The Missing Middle:

From San Diego to Baton Rouge to Rwanda, the capital gaps are the same



Tyana interviewed our CEO, David Lynn, about what inspired the [Advance Fund](#) and why we're working to solve the persistent capital gaps that good businesses and nonprofits face from San Diego to Rwanda.

Take a deep dive into the nuts and bolts of our signature commercial loan fund on our [blog](#).



LuckyBolt uses creative capital to improve local food systems and create quality jobs

Kris Schlessler, Advance borrower and founder of [LuckyBolt](#), shared how creative capital improves his community. He's passionate about uplifting people with barriers to employment by [hiring veterans and Kitchens for Good social enterprise apprentices to launch their culinary careers](#). Read the full interview [here](#).

What we're reading

- [A day in a life: imagining a country without racial gaps](#) [Living Cities interactive infographic]
- [Let's not give up on the American dream](#) [Economic Policy Institute]
- [Everyone at this new advertising agency has served time in prison](#) [FastCompany]
- [Celtics star Jaylen Brown wants to fix American schools](#) [Fast Company]
- [When green infrastructure is an anti-poverty strategy](#) [Next City]
- [Community land trusts are a model for reparations](#) [Truthout]
- [Serena Williams and Mark Cuban invest in startup fighting maternal mortality](#) [Fortune]
- [Titans linebacker Derrick Morgan retires from NFL and launches \\$200 million Opportunity Zone fund](#) [Forbes]
- [To save a neighborhood, ban a dollar store?](#) [CityLab]
- [Good teachers, bad deal](#) [NPR Planet Money podcast]
- [Impact investing's 'Third Phase': What new challenges lie ahead?](#) [The Wharton School]

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