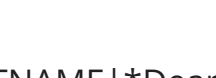


Community Updates



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An affordable home being built in Encinitas made possible in part by support from the **Homebuilding Investment Fund** community and **San Diego Habitat for Humanity**.

We've kept *busy* so far this year. To see what we mean, check out [last month's community updates](#) where we recapped milestones from our first five years and the first quarter of 2021. These include growing our [Advance Strategy](#) for inclusive economic opportunity in San Diego creating and supporting custom investment strategies with partners across the country—including our *very first one* with the [Homebuilding Investment Fund](#)—and developing diverse, thoughtful new investment professionals through the [Community Finance Fellowship](#).

Whew!

As we grow, we also recognize how important it is to continually improve internal processes and build interconnective tissue, especially in the virtual environment. That's what we got to do a bit of this month—take a breath, and prepare for the next chapter.

Until next time, sign up for upcoming events below where you can catch us and see updates for our various initiatives.

Stay well and take care of each other,

Lauren Grattan
Co-Founder & Chief Community Officer

Borrower Central

What do our loans look like in practice?

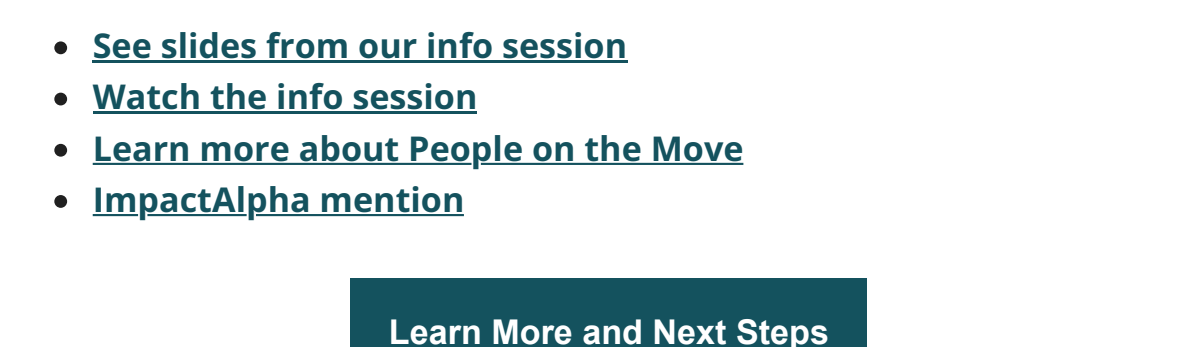


We are debating a series of informative blog posts to answer frequently asked questions about small business loans and our financing programs.

[Click here to learn more about term lengths and amortization.](#)

Two Things to Know About Your Business Loan Terms

Loans for small businesses & nonprofits that support people on the move everywhere in the U.S.



The People on the Move program serves **organizations across the United States** that better the lives of immigrants, refugees, low-income economic migrants, and survivors of trafficking.

Quick links:

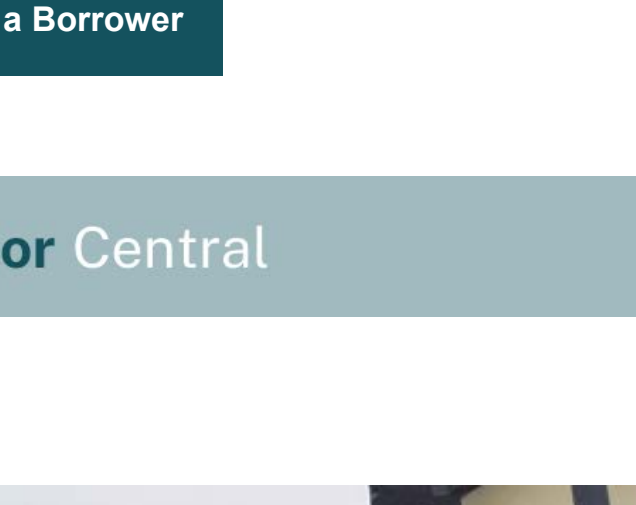
- [See slides from our info session](#)
- [Watch the info session](#)
- [Learn more about People on the Move](#)
- [ImpactAlpha mention](#)

[Learn More and Next Steps](#)

[Share This Program with Organizations Across the U.S.](#)

COVID-19 loans for nonprofits in San Diego County

Interest-free nonprofit loans are still available. Please share with nonprofit leaders in San Diego County!



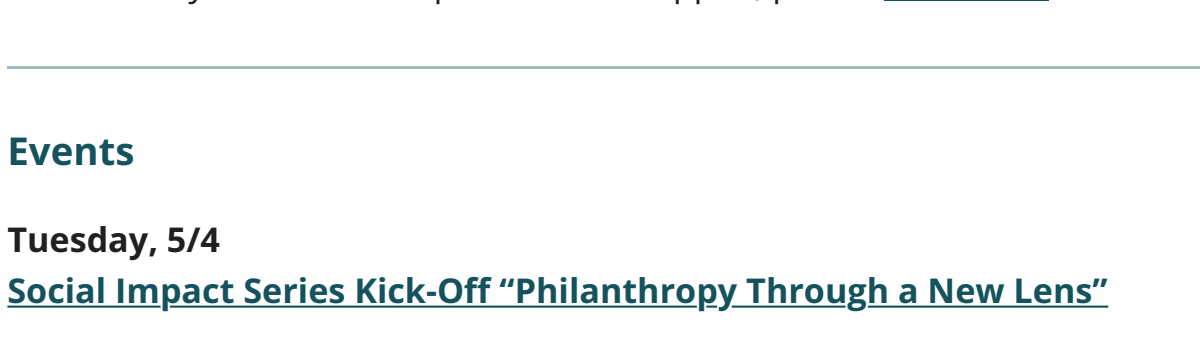
Explore San Diego County Nonprofit Loans

Know a small business or nonprofit doing great work but could use additional capital to have an even greater impact? ↴

[Refer a Borrower](#)

Investor Central

Updates



The inaugural cohort of Community Finance Fellows (L-R): Benson Ochira, Essence Rodriguez, Louise Jordan, Crystal Sevilla, and Andrew Moncada

Now that the Community Finance Fellows have graduated, we are actively fundraising for the next cohort. In their time with us, the fellows moved more than \$7 million into the community and taught us a thing or two about changing the face of finance, access to finance, and our own understanding of finance. Our goal is to launch the second cohort this summer. If you want to help make that happen, please [reach out](#).

Events

Tuesday, 5/4

[Social Impact Series Kick-Off "Philanthropy Through a New Lens"](#)

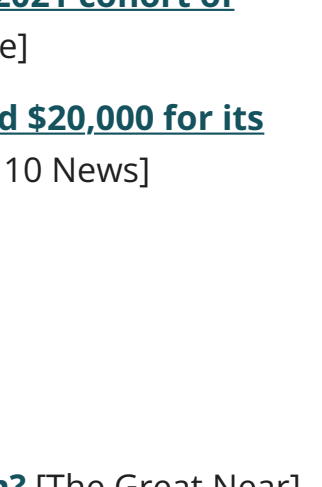
Our Director of Investor Relations Heather Marie Burke joins other social impact sector game-changers to discuss how local nonprofits are growing and transforming the San Diego region and beyond. Join us to gain insights to local charitable organizations, learn about the inner workings of nonprofits, and hear stories about how living your values now can enable you to "do well by doing good."



Thursday, 5/27

[Catalyst of San Diego & Imperial Counties' Impact Investing Series](#)

Lauren and other speakers will share lessons learned on entrepreneurship funding and technical assistance for small businesses that are the lifeblood of our neighborhoods and communities, along with practical strategies that you can explore and implement immediately.



What We're Reading

Updates from our portfolio:

- [CareCar Raises \\$3 Million in Seed Funding To Scale and Expand Into New Markets, With a Focus on Senior Homecare](#) [The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel]
- [New Children's Museum Becomes First in San Diego to Organize, Joining National Trend](#) [Times of San Diego]
- [The New Children's Museum receives a grant from The National Endowment for the Humanities to plan exhibit on Octavia E. Butler](#) [Times of San Diego]
- [8 Proactive Ways to Combat Climate Change in San Diego](#) [Thrillist]
- [Aquacycl CEO Orianna Bretschger selected to 2021 cohort of impact entrepreneurs](#) [Cartier Women's Initiative]
- [The Gold Youth Arts Organization was awarded \\$20,000 for its Gold Youth Drum & Bugle Corps program](#) [ABC 10 News]

What else we're reading:

- [100 Unique Investors](#) [Realize Impact]
- [Who's behind all the "access to capital" reform?](#) [The Great Near]
- [Sacrificing returns? These community investors ask if they're sacrificing impact.](#) [ImpactAlpha]
- [Becoming a financial activist for racial justice](#) [San Diego Workforce Partnership]
- [Group gauges COVID-19 impact on San Diego-area businesses owned by people of color, women, LGBTQ](#) [The San Diego Union-Tribune]
- [Worker-Owned Businesses Are Having a Moment](#) [Bloomberg]
- [How Akron, Ohio is expanding economic opportunity by investing in neighborhood business districts](#) [The Brookings Institution]
- [A Family Opens Up About Its Investing Mistakes](#) [The New York Times]
- [To Support an Equitable Recovery, Donor-Advised Funds Should Look Beyond Grantmaking](#) [Inside Philanthropy]
- [The carbon footprint sham: A 'successful, deceptive' PR campaign](#) [Mashable]
- [Environmental Racism Is Everybody's Problem — Here Are 5 Ways to Fight It Right Now](#) [Apartment Therapy]
- [Low-Skill Workers Aren't a Problem to Be Fixed](#) [The Atlantic]
- [How 20th-Century Black Business Leaders Envisioned a More Just Capitalism](#) [Harvard Business Review]
- [How Chicago's affordable housing system perpetuates city's long history of segregation](#) [NBC News]
- [Want to honor women's history? Invest in a Feminist Economy.](#) [Justice Funders]
- [Women lost \\$800 billion in income last year. That's more than the combined GDP of 98 countries](#) [CNN Business]
- [Impact Investors Need to Share Power, Not Just Capital](#) [Stanford Social Innovation Review]
- [Back to the Frontier: Investing that Puts Impact First](#) [Bridgespan Group]
- [How a secretive hedge fund is disrupting the venture capital industry](#) [Axios]
- [Rethinking economic development for an inclusive recovery](#) [ImpactAlpha]
- [How to support Black Lives Matter, wherever you are](#) [Time Out]

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