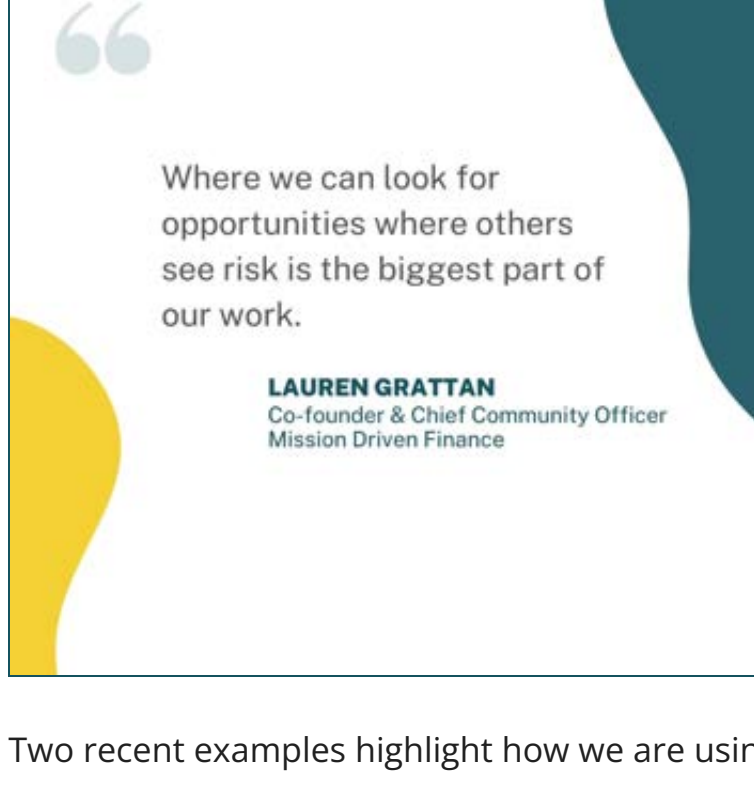


Community Updates



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My trusty Co-founder Lauren Grattan has been taking care of family this past month, so you get to (have to?) hear from me instead.



Lauren, did, however, speak at impact conference [SOCAP21 Virtual](#) and was highlighted by [ImpactAlpha](#).

Because we don't use credit scores for our placed-based fund Advance, we can reach a more racially diverse set of borrowers, as well as more military families, immigrants, and women.

Two recent examples highlight how we are using finance as a tool for change:

1. The newest company in our portfolio, coding boot camp [Sabio](#), showcases how we find and work with kindred spirits who also find opportunities where others may see risk. Sabio was founded by [Liliana Monge and Gregorio Rojas](#) in 2013, driven by their passion for getting people of color and other underrepresented workers the tools necessary to start careers in tech.
2. Mission Driven Finance was recently selected to be part of the [Purpose Futures Fellowship](#) for [our shared ownership real estate initiative](#) to expand access to early care and education. I'm honored to join a diverse set of so many great people pushing boundaries, not least of whom my co-conspirator —[Laura Kohn](#)—and our colleagues [Andrew Moncada](#) and [Joe Pileri](#). More about the fellowship [here](#).

Finally, if you missed out on Lauren's wisdom at SOCAP, she will also be speaking at the upcoming in-person [ASBC-SVC 2021 Conference](#), taking place in San Diego in December.

Looking forward,

David Lynn
Co-founder & CEO

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TODAY is the last day to apply for this position:

- [Marketing & Communications Coordinator](#)

Also recruiting:

- [Staff Accountant](#)

Borrower Central

Financing for many kinds of small businesses & nonprofits

The programs below currently have capital available for businesses and nonprofits. Each program has a unique profile to suit different needs.

See if one might fit yours.



Advance

- Southern California
- Small businesses and nonprofits advancing inclusive economic opportunity
- \$100,000–\$500,000
- Loans from 6 months to 5 years
- Options for revenue-based financing for flexible payment schedules or Islamic financing



People on the Move

- United States
- Small businesses and nonprofits supporting immigrants, refugees, and survivors of trafficking
- \$50,000–\$250,000
- Loans from 6 months to 4 years
- Options for revenue-based financing for flexible payment schedules or Islamic financing



Employee Ownership Catalyst Fund

- United States businesses
- Financing structure tailored to each business: loans, revenue-based financing, or equity
- Availability of up to \$500,000
- Highly flexible use for funds, including regaining stability post-pandemic, covering the costs of employee ownership transition, utilizing as growth capital
- Ability for the owner to gain partial or full liquidity
- Project Equity's guidance on the pathway to employee ownership

Refer a Borrower

Connect promising organizations with affordable impact-based financing.

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Events (MDF Talks on the Internet)



Lauren will be speaking at the [ASBC-SVC 2021 Conference](#) (December 8–11), an in-person convening in San Diego for business leaders, impact investors, policy makers, and more.

[Drop a note if you'll be there!](#)

What We're Reading

MDF in the headlines:

- [New narratives for inclusion and investment at SOCAP21](#) [ImpactAlpha]
- [Balancing purpose and profit: Why companies are seeking B Corporation status](#) [The San Diego Union-Tribune]

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