

Community Updates



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No summer slowdown here, we are seeing tons of activity across our various funds.

Through our homegrown [San Diego loan fund Advance](#), we invested in [Pedal Ahead](#) which provides low-income riders electric bicycles through a loan-to-own program, with the goal of enhancing the quality of life through physical, mental, and environmental health. Win-win-win!

In other Advance news, we are proud to support [Havana Grill](#) with a third disbursement and [Tower 999](#) with a second tranche of funding. Havana Grill funding will let them put the finishing touches on their second location, slated to open in early fall. Tower 999 is developing 94 residential units, more than half of which will be affordable housing for low-income families in National City.

Speaking of National City housing— San Diego Habitat for Humanity will welcome six families [to their new homes](#) in this neighborhood. We're proud that the [Homebuilding Investment Fund](#), our first custom strategy, supported this development. Join Habitat's celebration on Saturday, July 30 ([RSVP here](#)).

ICYMI, last month we invested in Palava Fine Foods through the People on the Move. [Read more about](#) why we invested.



In other news, we have been on [quite a roadshow](#) growing awareness of our [Regenerative Harvest Strategy!](#) We are seeing incredible demand for the type of bridge financing this fund offers. If you know any US-based sustainable agricultural producers, processors, and packagers ready to scale and grow, [please connect them with us](#).

[The Employee Ownership Catalyst Fund](#) with Project Equity has integrated additional funding to provide forgivable loans. Forgivable loans can help companies on the "on-ramp" to employee ownership get there faster, or put them in a stronger position to realize the job quality benefits of employee ownership for their workforce.



With more and more funds coming live on our platform, our impact measurement and management (IMM) gets increasingly complex! I'm thrilled to welcome [Anne Park](#) to lead the growth of our impact strategy, frameworks, and tools as our first-ever senior director of impact. Anne is based in the Bay Area and has over a decade of experience in impact investing, most recently supporting the growth of small and medium enterprises globally at SEAF.

Finally, I am humbled to be a finalist for [San Diego Business Journal's 40 Next Top Business Leaders Under 40 Awards](#). I wouldn't be here without this amazing team and community.

Be well and take care of one another,

Lauren Grattan
Co-founder & Chief Community Officer

Welcome New Portfolio Companies



Welcome new portfolio company [Pedal Ahead](#) to the Advance strategy!

Financing for Small Businesses & Nonprofits

We invest in impactful small businesses and nonprofits, including—but not limited to—those supporting immigrants, refugees, and survivors of trafficking, businesses transitioning to an employee-ownership model, and entities advancing regenerative agriculture.

- Options for loans or revenue-based financing
- Islamic financing available
- Flexible payment schedules
- No personal credit scores required
- No personal guarantees required

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[I WANT TO MEET OTHER IMPACTFUL COMPANIES](#)

Champion Reward

A borrower referral program

Do you know any tenacious small businesses and nonprofits in California that are doing great things but need capital?

We've got good news for you: As a way to thank the community champions who introduce us to impact-driven organizations that we haven't met yet, we want to share not only our gratitude but also a **referral bonus of \$250** (upon disbursement of capital to the referred borrower).

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Events



San Diego Habitat for Humanity National City Housewarming

Our very first custom fund, the Homebuilding Investment Fund, supported this National City development, which is now ready to welcome six new homeowners!

Saturday, July 30, 2022

2-4 p.m.

Harding II Community

National City, CA 91950



Caltrans District 11's 18th Annual Procurement & Resource Fair

As part of MDF's commitment to support equitable economic opportunities, we're excited to participate in the Caltrans procurement & resource fair to support subcontractors committed to quality job creation.

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

9-12 PM

4050 Taylor Street

San Diego, CA 92110

What We're Reading

MDF in the headlines:

- [Soaring rental prices are yet another obstacle for childcare facilities](#) [NPR]
- [40 Next Top Business Leaders Under 40 2022 Finalists](#) [San Diego Business Journal]
- [Kaiser Permanente making a push for small businesses to become employee-owned](#) [Fierce Healthcare]

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If you know any business owners, entrepreneurs, investors, financial planners, Registered Investment Advisors, nonprofit and philanthropy leaders, and anyone else interested in impact-based lending and investments, please share this email with them or [connect them with us](#).

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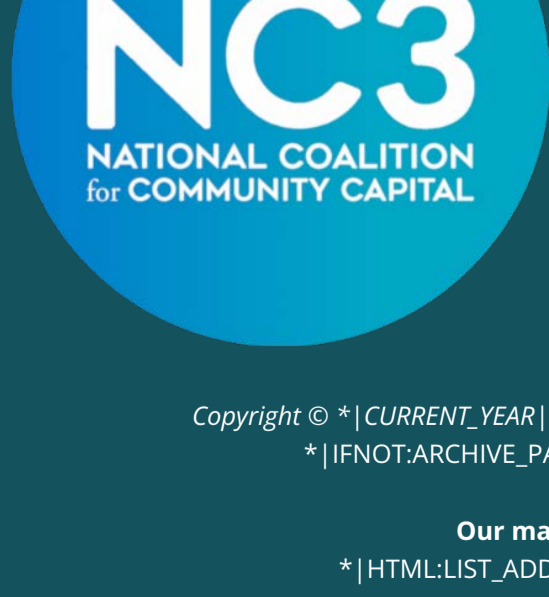
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