

# PARTICIPATION LENDING

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## WHO IS PARTNERS?



#### PARTICIPATION LENDING WHO IS PARTNERS?

### Partners is a National CDFI



#### We Focus on Participation Lending

- o 60+ partners
- o Affordable housing and community facilities
- o Flexible products / terms

#### New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC)

A Community Development Entity (CDE)





# MULTI-LENDER STRUCTURES



PARTICIPATION LENDING OBJECTIVE

# Provide a broad overview of multi-lender transactions with a specific focus on:

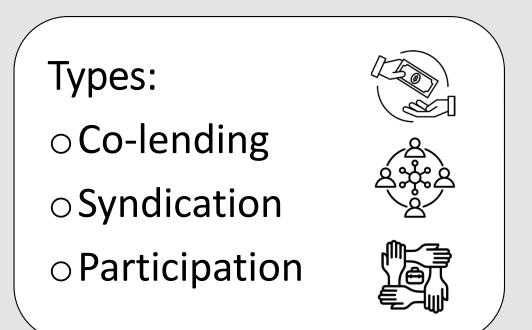
o Participations

o CDFI Lending Strategy





### Purpose: Bring multiple parties to a transaction







### Co-lending | Definition

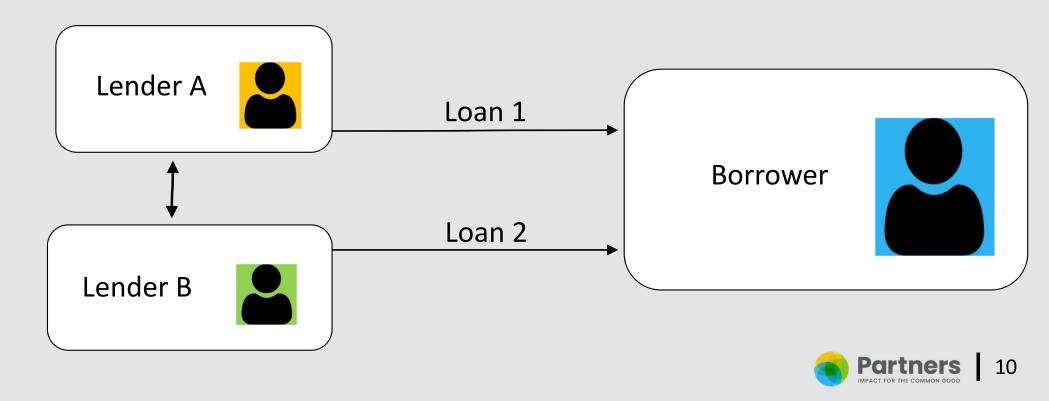
Co-Lending is an arrangement where multiple lenders provide a loan to a borrower. Each lender sets their own terms and conditions.







### Co-lending





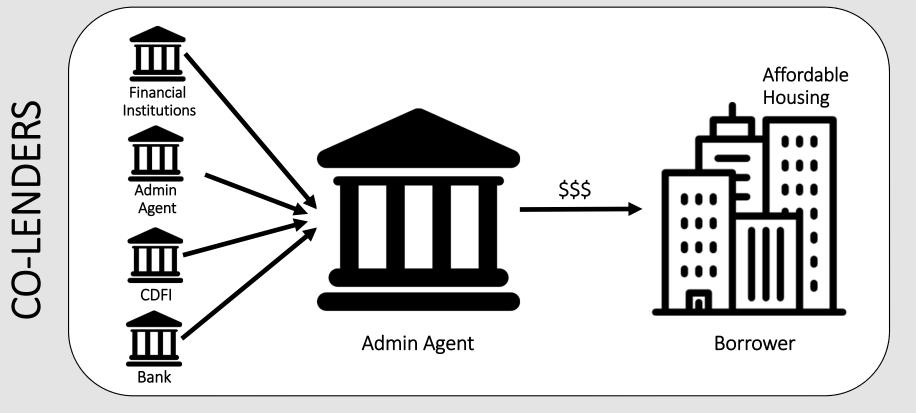
### Loan Syndication | Definition

A Loan Syndication is the process of involving a group of lenders that fund various portions of a loan for a single borrower.









**\*ONE CREDIT AGREEMENT\*** 



# PARTICIPATION LENDING



### Participation Lending | Definition

A Loan Participation is a transaction in which a "Lead" or "Originating" lender sells an undivided ownership interest in a portion of a loan to one or more participating lenders ("Participants").



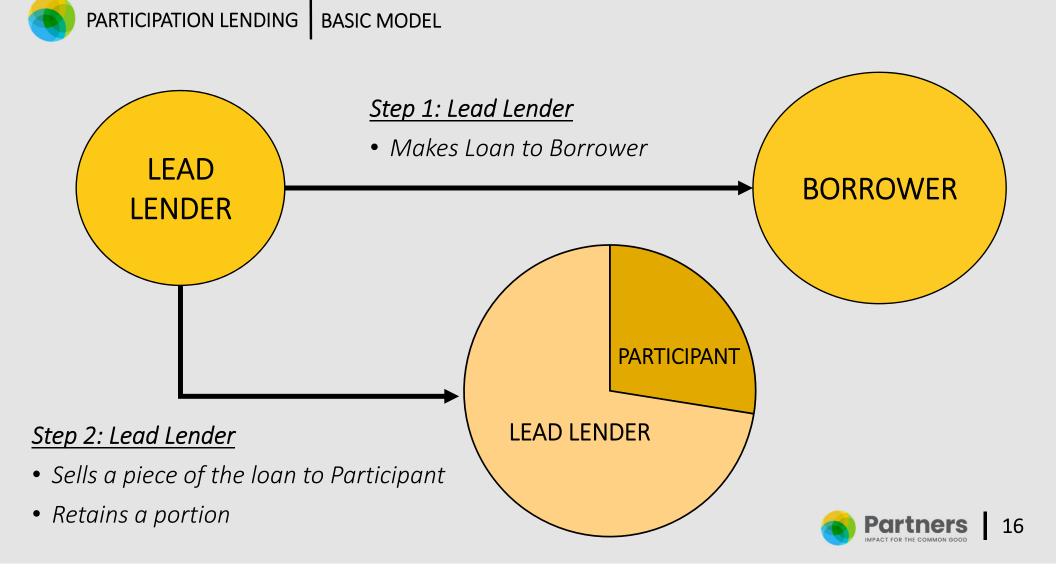




PARTICIPATION LENDING INTRODUCTION



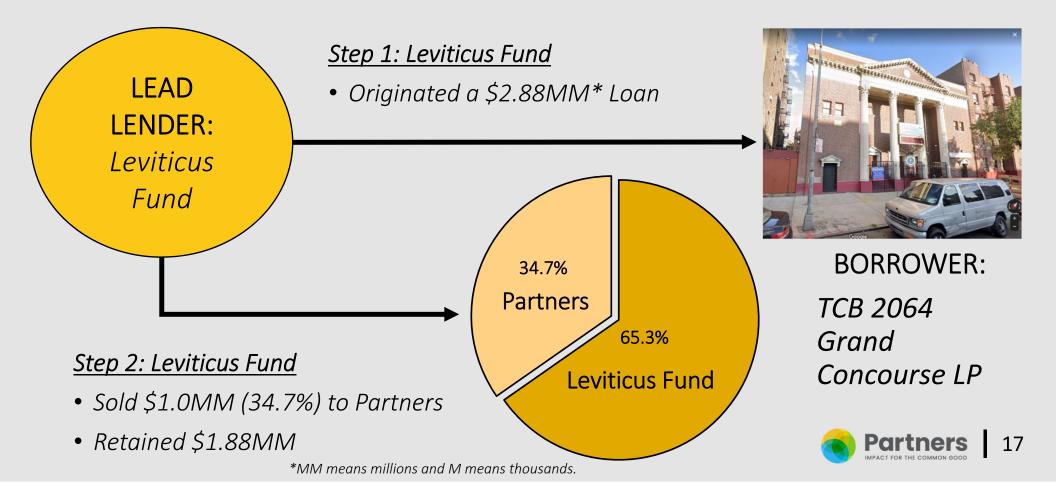






PARTICIPATION LENDING

SCENARIO: THE LOUELLA AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BRONX, NY









#### PARTICIPATION LENDING PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES



CONDUCTS UNDERWRITING

**PURCHASES INTEREST** 

SIGNS PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

**COLLECTS ALL LOAN DOCS** 

IN MOST CASES PAYS A SERVICING FEE TO LEAD LENDER





PARTICIPATION LENDING RATIONALE (LEAD LENDER)

### BENEFITS

### DISADVANTAGES

- $\circ$  Share risk
- Conserve capital
- Satisfy lending or concentration limits
- Generate fee income

#### ○ Multiple parties

- Counterparty risks
- $\circ~$  Administrative costs





PARTICIPATION LENDING RATIONALE (PARTICIPANT)

### BENEFITS

### DRAWBACKS

- Deploy capital
- Diversify portfolio
- Leverage lead lender's expertise
- Explore a new(er) market
- Invest with less cost

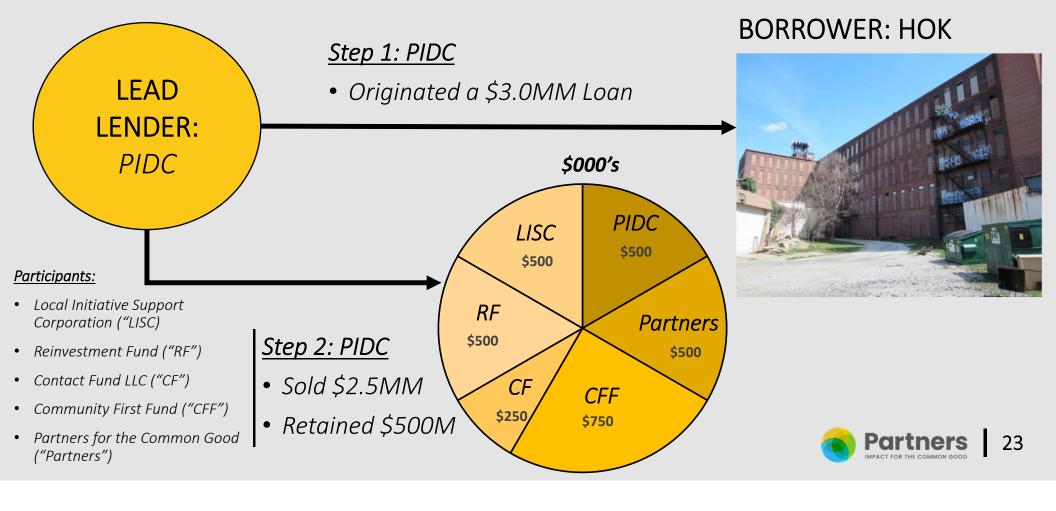
- $\circ~$  Servicing fees
- o Borrower credit risk
- Lack of direct access to borrower / control
- o Administrative risk
- $\circ~$  Potential limited flexibility on terms



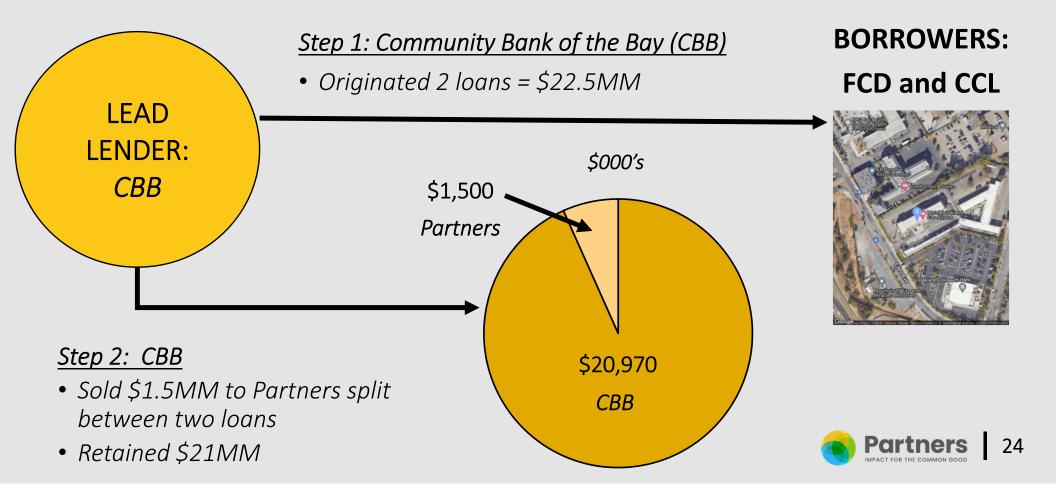


#### Scenario: HOK COMMUNITY LP: PARTICIPATION LENDING

Predevelopment and construction, Philadelphia, PA



FAMILY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INC. ("FCD") and CARE CAMPUS LLC ("CCL"),
G OAKLAND, CA
Social Services Facility: Acquisition





PARTICIPATION LENDING RATIONALE (BORROWER)

### BENEFITS

### DRAWBACKS

- $\circ~$  Access desired capital
- $\circ~$  Diversified lender group

- More parties
- Different approaches/risk profiles
- Potentially greater administrative costs





#### PARTICIPATION LENDING STRUCTURES AND VARIATIONS

#### Pari passu

- Partners' approach
- Risk mitigation

# Subordinated participations

 $\circ$  GAP product

#### Multiple tranche / Fund structures

- Participations may use more complex structures
- Fund structures (e.g. EJPF)





#### PARTICIPATION LENDING LOAN ADMINISTRATION

#### Loan Documents

- $\circ~$  Only lead lender has a contractual relationship with borrower
  - Ordinary loan documentation
  - Security documents, guarantees, and indemnities
- Participation Agreement

#### Administration

- $\circ~$  Centralized with lead lender
- $\circ~$  Lead lender is obligated to borrower
- o Only lead lender has contractual rights against borrower





#### PARTICIPATION LENDING DUE DILIGENCE

Each participant is expected to do its own diligence:

 $\,\circ\,\,$  Representation and warranty

#### Participant diligence includes:

- $\circ~$  Credit analysis
- Review of borrower / other obligors (e.g. guarantors)
- Documentation review
- Collateral review

Reviews may be concurrent

Counterparty diligence





#### PARTICIPATION LENDING LENDING PARTNER DILIGENCE - DISCUSSION



Why might lending partners want to perform diligence on each other?



What types of documentation might it be useful to review when considering potential partner(s)?



How might risks be mitigated?



What other factors should be considered?





#### PARTICIPATION LENDING TRANSACTION REVIEW

#### Transaction / Participation Terms

- $\circ~$  Basic terms should be agreed upon and documented
- $\circ~$  Some participation terms may be negotiable
- $\circ$  Impact considerations

#### Credit documentation

- $\circ~$  Lead lender's credit memo
- $\circ$  Due diligence
- Documentation of project's impacts

#### Additional diligence





#### PARTICIPATION LENDING DOCUMENTATION REVIEW







#### PARTICIPATION LENDING PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT: MAJOR PROVISIONS

Separate agreement between lead lender and participant(s):

- $\,\circ\,$  Summary of transaction
- $\circ\,$  Nature of participation
  - Percentage interest
  - No joint venture, pari passu
- $\circ$  Advances
- $\,\circ\,$  Allocation of fees and interest payments
- $\circ$  Modifications
- Events of default
- $\,\circ\,$  Losses and expenses
  - Normal vs other expenses



#### PARTICIPATION LENDING PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT: MAJOR PROVISIONS

- $\circ$  Standard of care
- Default provisions
  - Borrower
  - Lead lender and participant(s)
- Representations
- $\,\circ\,$  Resale of foreclosed security
- $\,\circ\,$  Administrative costs and indemnification
- $\,\circ\,$  Loan disbursements and payments
- $\circ$  Notices
- $\circ$  Development services





PARTICIPATION LENDING Participation Agreement : Exhibits

#### $\circ$ Typical exhibits include:

- Participation certificate
- Summary loan/rate/fee splits
- Document listing
- Wiring instructions
- $\circ$  Multiple-participant transactions





#### PARTICIPATION LENDING ADMINISTRATION AND CONSULTATION

#### $\,\circ\,$ Participant has limited consent rights:

- Increases in loan amount
- Changes in rate or fees
- Changes to payment timing or amounts
- Release or substitution of collateral or guarantees
- Waivers of financial covenant defaults
- Material modifications
- $\circ\,$  Notification periods
- $\circ$  Consultation/voting procedures





#### PARTICIPATION LENDING CLOSING AND SERVICING

### Potential Issues

### $\circ$ Closing:

- Timing of approvals and funding
- Documentation
- Closing conditions
- Material modifications
- $\circ$  Servicing:
  - Receipt of required reports (e.g. financial statements)
  - Discrepancies between provisions and practice
  - Payments and tracking of percentage interest (Interest reserves)
- $\circ$  Accounting / finance:





### Impact Measurement

### Steps Involved for Impact Measurement and Management ("IMM")

Social Impact Feedback





### Impact Measurement

Definition:

In the lending world, Impact Measurement is a tool used to gauge if the organization's loan products and services serve the intended populations and are making a difference.

Inputs versus outcomes

• Why do we need it?





### **Steps involved for IMM**

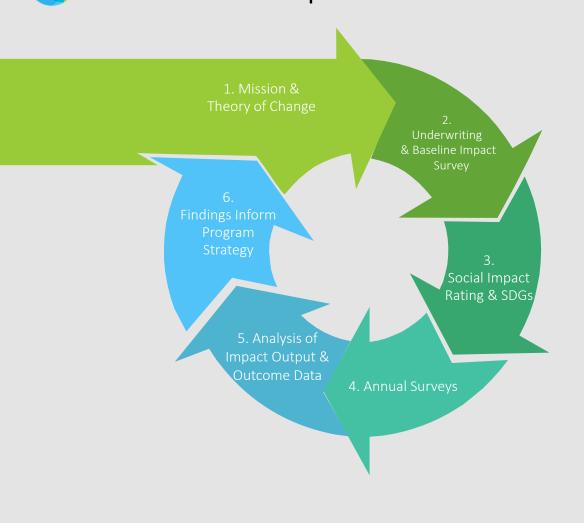
Set goals & expectations

Define strategies

Select metrics & set targets

Measure, track, use the data, and report





41**Theory of Change**: Planning and consensus building process to determine desired impact goals, objectives, strategies, and outcomes.

**2. Underwriting & Baseline Survey**: As part of underwriting, we screen for alignment with impact objectives. We also begin impact data collection via baseline impact survey. Surveys are tailored by project type.

**3. Impact Rating & SDGs**: As part of underwriting, we develop an impact "rating" on the proposed benefits to be created and ensure the activity aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**4. Annual Surveys**: Every year a borrower is in our portfolio, we collect updated data on progress toward impact outcomes.

**5.** Analysis: Every year we analyze data collected to determine whether we are getting the desired results.

**6. Findings:** We use findings of analysis, to assess whether we are achieving desired outcomes and/or need change our products, program delivery strategies, data collection methodologies, goals, or theory of change.



# CASE DISCUSSIONS



PARTICIPATION LENDING CASE DISCUSSION: PART 1

Great Falls CDFI (GFC) has two affordable housing loans it would like to originate:

- \$5MM acquisition (strong LTV, less experienced borrower, uncertain takeout)
- \$500M predevelopment loan (no collateral, experienced borrower, strong liquidity)

Constraints:

- o GFC has a \$3MM loan limit
- $\circ~$  Portfolio limit on unsecured lending

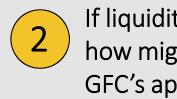




PARTICIPATION LENDING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



How might GFC use participations to originate both loans?



If liquidity is a concern, how might that affect GFC's approach?



GFC has experienced recent charge-offs. How might that affect GFC's strategy?





PARTICIPATION LENDING CASE DISCUSSION: PART 2

Potomac River CDFI (PRC) focuses its lending on commercial real estate but is expanding to affordable housing.

#### Constraints:

- $\circ~$  Experience in affordable housing is limited
- Staff capacity

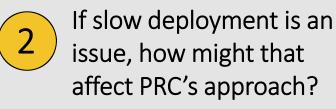




PARTICIPATION LENDING DISCUSSION - POTENTIAL SCENARIOS



How might PRC approach participating in one or both loans?





How can PRC address concerns about risk while still diversifying into affordable housing?





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### WHERE TO FIND US?

