

Current Reality

Lack of resilience and diversity in local economy (Serving Jackson County from a hub in Ashland) or ([Bear Creek Watershed](#))

Long and impersonal supply chains short circuit community, export profits and jobs

Entrepreneurs have difficulty accessing advisory and financial support to turn innovative ideas into growing nonprofits and businesses.

Community members need to be aware of and have a clear, easy vehicle to invest in vetted local opportunities.

Work to be done to reach the Future Vision

Identify needs & starting points

Formation committee - which partners to include?

Problem solutions fit conversations

Values definition conversation (with comtmty partners)

Confirm and refine who and what assumptions

Community partner connections

Connections work plan - prioritize which to include early

LIW
SOU/RCC
RCU/PCB

Chambers
Cities/County
SBDC/SORED

Civic Orgs
OCF & other
Foundations
Nonprofits
Businesses

CIF structure & approach

Legal form and agreements

Micro loans

Expansion loan
loss reserve
fund

Investment
committee

Secure investors

Anchor
investors

Community
investor
outreach

Future Vision

Local economy is diverse, interconnected, thriving, and resilient.

Local organizations build community, meet local needs, and create jobs.

Entrepreneurs have access to technical and financial support to turn innovative ideas into growing nonprofits and businesses.

Community members are engaged in investing and supporting local entrepreneurs to help our community thrive.