## Expanding, Integrating, and Measuring Impact

**Peer Perspectives** 



## Why Metrics Matter to City First: Key to building our strategy of Impact, Culture, and Leadership

- Confirmed why we were relevant
- Determined who does or should care about City First including board, staff, customers, investors, local government, other stakeholders and funders
- Learned to tell one distinct City First story to multiple audiences



### Why Bother?

Use data and stories to communicate who you are so people can decide if they want to align with you and you can decide whether to align with them

# Our Strategic Approach to Impact – Be rooted, compelling, integrated and evolving

Principles of our Approach		
Principle 1:	Be rooted in the problem we are solving for	
Principle 2:	Have a compelling approach to solving those problems	
Principle 3:	Build alliances and partnerships to demonstrate our commitment to and ability to evolve with the issues	
Principle 4:	Complement our impact data with impact stories	
Principle 5:	Be visual and emotive	
Principle 6:	Use multiple channels and venues to tell our story	

### Principle 1: "Be rooted in the problem we are solving for"

Focus on bringing shared and equitable prosperity to underserved communities in the DC area



## RESEARCH REPORT The Color of Wealth in the Nation's Capital Aloint Publication of the Urban Institute, Duke University. The New School, and the Insight Center for Community Economic Development

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Storied history of racial discrimination

Demographics	Ward 3		Ward 8	Citywide
Minority Residents (African American & Latino)	13.1%	97.7%	95.8%	80.1%
Poverty Rate	8.20%	26%	37%	18%
Average Family Income	\$246,528	\$59,161	\$43,973	\$119,511
Homeownership	51%	41%	23%	42%

Even though the District has experienced tremendous growth, this chart highlights the significant racial and economic disparities for low and moderate income communities that City First Bank intentionally supports.

In DC, the top 10 percent of earners make more than six times the amount of the bottom 10 percent. That disparity in earnings is higher than any of the 50 states.

#### **Continued community and racial disparities**

Nuanced articulation of the current problems and proposed community solutions



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## Principle 2: "Have a compelling approach to solving those problems"

Provide financing to increase the amount of affordable housing, support small minority developers, increase access to community services via community facility financing, and lend in communities others won't

### \$141 Million in Small Business Loans & NMTC Investments | Wards 7 & 8

Toward a more equitable DC, City First is missioned to help close the gap in quality of life indicators and opportunities between Wards 7 & 8 and the rest of the city, as cited above. Since 2001, we have channeled over \$141 million dollars financing visionary ideas that stand as beacons today bringing forth more jobs, quality school seats, and a healthier community. Thousands of lives have been impacted by the existence of these facilities through partnerships with leaders who dared to dream.



Employment as the bedrock of stabilizing families

- IHOP
- Alabama Plaza
- DC Dental Development



#### Safe and affordable housing

- Eastbrooke Apartments
- River East at Anacostia
- Blue Skye Apartments



#### EDUCATION

Competitive Tier 1 curriculum and pathways to college

- DC Prep
- Thurgood Marshall Academy
- Achievement Prep



### HEALTH, WELLNESS & THE ARTS

Delivering a holistic quality of life

- THEARC
- So Others Might Eat
- Unity Parkside Health

<sup>\*</sup> Samples above reflect a fraction of the \$141 million invested

## Principle 3: "Build alliances and partnerships to demonstrate our commitment to and ability to evolve with the issues"

Many local, national, and global partnerships focused on delivering impact to our community including forming a multi-prong local relationship with the 11th Street Bridge Park, advocating for CDFI industry nationally, and participating in the Global Alliance for Banking on Values (GABV)











Thinking people before profit

## Principle 4 & 5: "Complement our impact data with impact stories and be visual and emotive"

#### City First uses data, stories, pictures, and maps to tell our impact story



### Principle 6: "Use multiple channels and venues to tell our story"

Annual Report, Roundtables, Stakeholder Project Tours, Annual City First Conference, Stakeholder Convening, Social Media Presence, Press Releases,

Anacostia Community Engagement Center















### Get Started - Make the most of the data you have

What data do you already collect?

Customer or project address

Race for HMDA

**Loan Amount** 

Number of Loans

Loan Product and/or Purpose

How can you use it?

Tag Census tracts of all loans

Access secondary data on state of community via % in poverty, unemployed, minority, low income, etc.

Public Tools include:

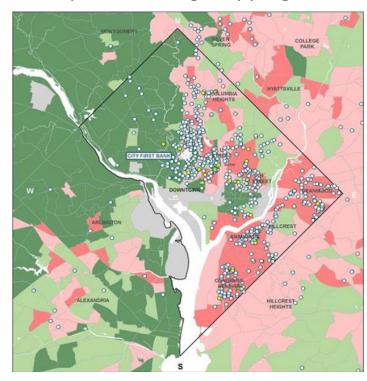
<u>PolicyMap</u> (open map)

<u>CDFI Fund CIMS</u>

<u>FFIEC Geocoding System</u>

How do you make the most of the data you have?

Take geocoded data and map it, start by outsourcing mapping



# Get it Done - Build systems to intentionally integrate impact into your operations

System Component	CityFirst Bank's Approach
Supportive Governance	Dedicated Community Development Committee that supports the Bank's i) mission based programs, ii) impact measurement, iii) impactful lending strategies, and iv) strategic partnerships
Capacity to manage	Created a position dedicated to impact - reports directly to the CEO
A culture that values our impact	Leadership drives impact discussions across products and services; Relationship Managers incentivized to target mission loans and relationships; Impact team participates in loan committee
Mechanism to communicate impact	Annual presentation to the Board on impact; quarterly impact metrics integrated in management dashboard; annual report highlights impact to external stakeholders
Feedback loop	Reflection integrated into strategic planning process on i) the impact achieved to date, ii) the problems we are solving for, iii) our approach, and iv) impact goals going forward

### City First's impact approach in operational action

Action	Stage	
Determine if mission loan	at	Loan Application
Track mission loan status	on	Loan Pipeline Report via CRM system
Complete mission loan checklist; build narrative of impact into loan background; and include key impact metrics	before	Management Loan Committee (MLC) presentation - in loan package
Discuss impact narrative and confirm mission loan status	at	Management Loan Committee (MLC)
Update impact narrative	before	Directors Loan Committee
Record impact profile of loan	after	Loan Approval
Aggregate impact; determine best stories; map impact	at	Quarter-end for reporting and marketing

## City First continues to evolve and has a roadmap of short and long term impact aspirations

#### **Short Term Aspirations**

- Updating systems
  - Integrate impact data capture in new underwriting IT module
    - Avoid data entry duplication (once with RM and again by Impact team),
    - Create auto generated impact reports

#### **Long Term Aspirations**

- Evolution of how impact affects decisioning
- Measuring environmental impact
- Tying efforts to the broader ecosystem of solutions working to solve local problems
  - Using the social and economic determinants of health and wellbeing as a framework

#### **Social Determinants of Health**

Economic Stability	Neighborhood and Physical Environment	Education	Food	Community and Social Context	Health Care System	
Income Expenses Debt Medical bills Support	Housing Transportation Safety Parks Playgrounds Walkability	Literacy Language Early childhood education Vocational training Higher education	Hunger Access to healthy options	Social integration Support systems Community engagement Discrimination	Health coverage Provider availability Provider linguistic and cultural competency Quality of care	
Health Outcomes  Mortality, Morbidity, Life Expectancy, Health Care Expenditures, Health Status, Functional Limitations						

Thank you.

