# CONTACT FUND

## PRIVATE INVESTMENT, LOCAL IMPACT

## **OUR STORY**

Throughout business school and a career in banking, Contact Fund founder Mark Reed remained intrigued by his earlier experience in community development. He believed community development organizations provided real opportunity for self-sufficiency with their focus on affordable housing, job training and capital for small businesses. A family business liquidity event in 2005 provided the capital to establish a fund dedicated to NYC community development.

Using his capital as equity and borrowing against it from friends and family, Mark employed traditional credit analysis methods to lend to NYC community development organizations. Use of debt requires a financial discipline that can foster a level of organizational sustainability.

Ultimately, Contact Fund is based on a very straight forward concept: private investors would be willing to invest their capital in local NYC neighborhoods while also receiving a financial return if there was a simple, low risk way to do it. Contact Fund is committed to fostering a community of private investors who share similar values.



## **OUR INSPIRATION**

"The sum of casual public CONTACT at a local level is a feeling for the public identity of people, a web of public respect and trust, and a resource in time of personal or neighborhood need. The absence of this trust is a disaster to a city street."

- Jane Jacobs, The Death and Life of Great American Cities, 1961

#### AT A GLANCE

ESTABLISHED: 2005

MISSION AREA: Community Investing
ASSET CLASS: Fixed Income
LEGAL ENTITY: Contact Fund, LLC

2011 ASSETS UNDER MGT: \$3M

FOUNDER/SOLE MEMBER: Mark Reed

GOVERNANCE: Loan and Advisory Committees
GEOGRAPHY: Place-based NYC 5 boroughs

**LOAN LOSS:** 20% first loss protection for Senior Investor Notes

**PRODUCT:** Senior Investment Note

**ELIGIBILITY:** Accredited Investor; SEC Exemption

MINIMUM: \$10,000

**TIME HORIZON:** 6-month and 1-year note available

SUBSCRIPTIONS: March; September

**REDEMPTIONS:** Available at maturity, auto reinvestment

**RETURN:** 2.5% for 3/15/2011 Notes

MANAGEMENT FEE: n/a

AUDITORS: Mutino & Chan
LEGAL COUNSEL: Gabbard & Kamal

## **HOW IT WORKS**



## **OUR IMPACT**

Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation - whedco.org

MISSION: Comprehensive community/economic development in the South Bronx

**FINANCING NEED:** Construction delay on housing development during site excavation; \$250,000 loan subordinated to Nonprofit Finance Fund

**IMPACT:** Leverage of additional investment toward the completion of the nation's largest multi-family Energy Star Certified affordable housing development

## Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) - lisc.org/new\_york

MISSION: Transforming distressed neighborhoods into healthy and sustainable communities of choice and opportunity

FINANCING NEED: \$250,000 for pre-development of nine home-ownership

homes for middle-income workforce families in East New York IMPACT: Loan was 'redeployed' for rehabilitation of 76 affordable rental units in Harlem

## ACCION USA - accionusa.org

MISSION: U.S. microfinance institution bringing affordable capital small business entrepreneurs

**FINANCING NEED:** \$250,000 to help scale up lending activities

**IMPACT:** With an average loan size of \$9,500, helped provide loans to more than 25 low income entrepreneurs

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