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OF COMMUNITY
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GETTING THE WORD OUT:

COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY

- 1. Audit your brand for strength
- 2. Understand your target audience
- 3. Build the components of your brand guide
- 4. Get the word out!





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EXPERTISE AND CAPITAL TO HELP YOUR PROJECT SUCCEED

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"It's Your Brand – Be Relevant!" SM

AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOC. DEFINITIONS

MARKETING:

Marketing is the activity, set of institutions, and processes for creating, communicating, delivering, and exchanging offerings that have value for customers, clients, partners, and society at large.

BRAND:

A brand is a name, term, design, symbol, or any other feature that identifies one seller's good or service as distinct from those of other sellers.



TOP NONPROFIT BRANDS 2018























WHAT MAKES A TOP BRAND

Interbrand

Internal Factors

- Clarity
- Commitment
- Protection
- Responsiveness

External Factors

- Authenticity
- Relevance
- Differentiation
- Consistency
- Presence
- Understanding



- Familiarity
- Quality
- Consideration
- Trust
- Love
- Financial



I. AUDITYOUR BRAND FOR STRENGTH





HOW TO AUDIT YOUR BRAND

- 1. Brand and Marketing Inventory
 - Processes
 - Materials
 - Programs
 - Internal Skills
- 2. Brand Exploratory
 - Marketing Research / Perceptions
 - Competition
- 3. Brand Equity
- 4. Future Opportunities
 - Organizational Goals, Mission Alignment
 - New Funding or Business Sources
- 5. Brand Strategy
 - Positioning
 - Management



INVENTORY ALL WAYS YOU COMMUNICATE WITH AUDIENCES.

Evaluate for:

Clarity of Audience

Brand Consistency

Call to Action

Effectiveness

Cost



WE'VE COMPLETED OUR BRAND AUDIT... NOW WHAT?

Confirmation.

Clarification.

Changes.



FCLF DISCOVERY SESSIONS ASKED:

What attributes and values come to mind when you think of this organization?

- TECHNICAL COMPETENCE
- RELIABILITY
- CREATIVITY
- FLEXIBILITY
- ADVOCACY & PARTNERSHIP

- TENACITY & PERSEVERANCE
- CREDIBILITY
- PATIENCE
- FRIENDLY & CARING
- LONGEVITY & STABILITY



FCLF'S NEXT STEPS AFTER BRAND AUDIT & ASSESSMENT

- Focus groups and surveys of borrowers, investors, staff, community leaders
- What are our brand's strengths and attributes?

- Does our name reflect those strengths and attributes? YES
- Does our logo reflect those strengths and attributes? NO



Does an inventory of all communications materials confirm we are sending a consistent message?



2. UNDERSTAND YOUR TARGET AUDIENCE





WHO IS YOUR AUDIENCE?

- or -

WHO ARE YOUR AUDIENCES?

At FCLF, we have 3 distinct audiences we regularly address:

- BORROWERS
- INVESTORS
- POLICY MAKERS



BORROWERS



- Mission focused for-profit entities. What kind of activities do we
- finance?
- Affordable Housing
- Supportive Housing Community Facilities
- Economic Development Projects
- Food Access Projects
- Environmentally Friendly, Green, and Sustainable Projects

For over 20 Years we have provided Expertise and Capital to help projects succeed.

Meet Our Borrowers

Meet a few of FCLP's Borrowers and learn more about their projects.

Read more

How Can FCLF Help You

FCLF provides capital and expertise to help projects succeed and improve lowincome communities through its flexible

financing programs.

Read more

Facilities.

If you are a developer seeking financing for a community facility,

If you are a developer seeking financing for housing,

Read more

Sustainability

If you are a developer seeking financing for an environmentally friendly project.

- **Competent & Creative**
- Friendly, We Care
- Flexible & Patient





INVESTORS



- Credibility
- Financially Sound
- Longevity & Stability





POLICY MAKERS



NEW MARKETS TAX CREDIT (NMTC)

Florida Community

\$207 MILLION NMTC DEPLOYED

\$491 MILLION TOTAL PROJECT COSTS FINANCED

Florida's 1,493 NMTC

Eligible Census Tracts

4,593 JOBS CREATED OR RETAINED

1.5 MILLION SQUARE PEET IN NEW FACILITIES BUILT

Loan Fund:

FLORIDA CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING

RELEASED: October 34, 2017

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FLORIDA MEMBERS ARE URGED TO MAKE NMTC PERMANENT

The New Markets Tax Credit (NATC) has enabled between support throughout its Indoory from Prevident's and Congressional regionalities alike. Created by the Community Renewal Tax Relef Act of 2000 PP. 106-594, NAMIC has prover to be an enteretail tool in driving capital electrones into the poolest, most severely distributed what and usual communities across the country... to grow businesses, create jobs, acriere high cookal impact, and strengthen local economies.

NAMEC to an investor fax credit equal to 18% over just 7 years at an around rate of 5% over the first 5 years and 6% in years 4-7, if an investor redeems the NAMEC investment prior to 1 years, all credits can be recognized with interest and penalty.

Since inception, NMTC has delivered meanly \$80 billion in capital and created nearly 750,000 jobs at a cost to the federal government of less than \$20,000 per job. Federal bis revenue generated by NMTC also generally more than covers the cost of the credit to tapayers.

A current 5-year exension of the NMTC uder the Path Act of 2015 expines as 2019.

All Florida members are urged to make NMTC permanent as part of tax reform.

To date, nine (9) Florida leading members of the House have signed on to H.R. 1098, the New Merkets Tax Credit Extension Act of 2017, calling for permanency of the credit.

IN FLORIDA... NMTC IS WORKING

Florida Community Loan Fund (FCLF), Florida's leading statewide CDFI/ CDF, has secured a currilative \$277 million in NMT-, ellocationiter Florida. In 2010, 29 other CDF investing groups tempered up to \$530 Million in NMTC allocation for business and project mentiment in Florida to create jobs and finance begin impact economics and community facility projects.

These allocations mobilize private investment capital and drive investments with locally determined, high-polority projects that creat jobs and significant socio-economic impacts that "but for "the credit could not be achieved.

Making the NMTC credit a permanent part of the Tax Code will help Florida for years to come.

FIGURENC INVESTIGATE OF CONTINUE.

TO SIGN ON TO H.R. 1098, CONTACT:

Rep. Pat Tiperi: Whitney Daffner, Legis Director, ph 202.225.5355, Writney/Daffner@mail.house.gov, or Rep. Richard Neal: Aruna Kalyanam, ph 202.225.4021, Aruna Kalyanam@mail.house.gov FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PLORIDA NATIC, CONTACT.

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- Advocacy & Partnerships
- Tenacity & Perseverance



This is an URGENT Call to Action to Oppose the Repeal of NMTC

Dear Colleague

Vesterday the House Vitays & Means Chairman realitimed its interton to eliminate the New Markets Nat Could Program in its bas enformed Minoran as the Tax Outs & Julia Act. This act questionally repeats the host 2 years of the NATIC program when is currently Authorized Wincoch 2019.

If eliminated, \$54 billion of credit allocation will be lost over the next 2 years to potential projects, both nationally and in Florida.

The House forecasts that this will save the government \$1.8 billion, but NMTC would actually generate \$1.7 billion in tas neverses from the job closeing and high social impact projects it would support.

If your community has benefited or seeks to benefit from NMTC, please take 3 mission BRGHT NOW to pick up the phone and cell the offices of these 2 members of the House Ways & Means Committee below, and expectably your own Florids U.S. Representative: Rept. Cardioc Curtiello - Phone # 202-225-2778

Rep. Carlos Curtello - Phone # 202-225-2778
Rep. Vern Buchanan - Phone # 202-225-5015
and Your Representative

CLICK HERE FOR THE LIST of Florida Delegation member shone numbers and small addresses to appropriate Legislative Staff.

If your Representative is supporting NMTC, thank them & tell them to communicate their strong apposition is AMY REPEAL OF NMTC to the Chairman of the House Ways & Means Convided a James Brest.

If your Representative is not yet supporting or takes a position on NMTC, ASK THEM TO DO SO.

Here's the message for your phose call or sendi to year Representative's Office: For calling-brilling to set that New Markets Tax Credits god be repointed under the John and Tax Core Act, if MATC is electrosted, Febrids will have access to a credit that we know ages to that and past private insentanced capital into some of the foreign projects to the transport, purpose are in given richy your country, Thomas of the foreign projects to the transport of the foreign projects.

So please tell the Compressment to tell Chair Bleaty, Chair of the Hoose Ways & Bleans Committee, how important we think MMTC to the creating jobs and revisibilities occal accessments and communities in Fluxible. And we believe the impact MMTC will have seen the med 2 years in the greater than the faunts that could be sevent. There's year.



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IN-SESSION EXERCISE

	Target Group #1	Target Group #2	Target Group #3	Vertical Industries	Influencers
What are their key demographics that you should factor into your branding or marketing efforts?				G	
What are their lifestyle characteristics?				Moles	
What selection criteria do they use when considering your program(s)?			SSMENTE	SIL	
What are their current thoughts about your program(s)?			SMEIL		
How do you want them to think of your program(s)?		155	50		
What next step would you like them to take?		OUTH			
How can you best reach them?					
What is the single most important thing you can tell them to get them to take that next step?					

CUSTOMIZING FOR OUR AUDIENCE

A longer video is suited for large businesses and legislators; goes indepth on the program





A shorter version created for social media gives an overview for general viewers

3. BUILD THE COMPONENTS OF YOUR BRAND GUIDE





CONSISTENCY BUILDS BRAND AWARENESS AND GROWS EQUITY

Brand consistency across elements helps create the highest level of awareness and the strongest and most favorable associations possible.

-- Kevin Lane Keller, Professor of Marketing at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. Author of Strategic Brand Management



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BRAND PLATFORM

Vision • Character/
Personality • Features •
Benefits (Emotional and
Rational)

CONTENT APPROACH

Compelling Copy:

Adds Credibility • Targets
Decision Makers •
Emphasizes Benefits
(Emotional and Rational) •
Differentiates • Cross Cultures
and Beliefs





VISUAL APPROACH

Logo • Typography •
Color Palette •
Digital Representation •
Theme Line • Email
Signature

BRAND AWARENESS

BRAND EQUITY

CHIEF SARKETING ASSOCIATES

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WHY HAVE A BRAND GUIDE?

Maintain consistency across the organization.

Save time and decrease duplicated effort.

Boost the likelihood of messages being remembered and repeated.

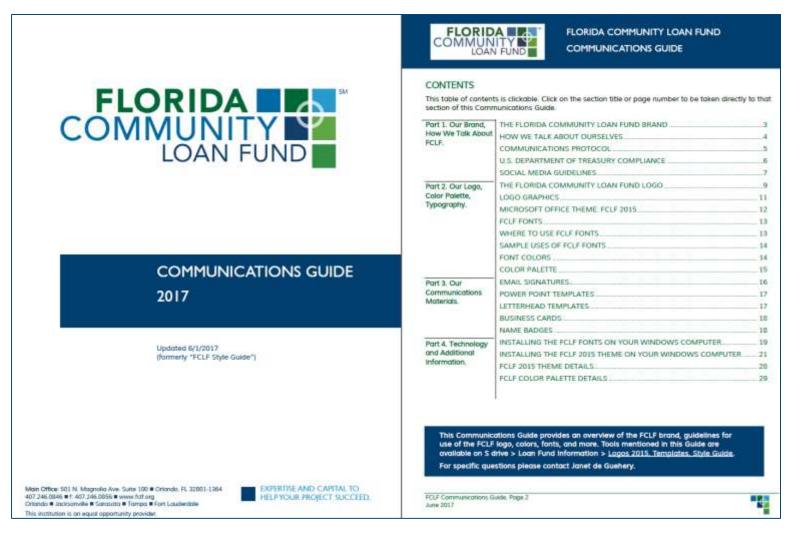
Reduce frustration and conflict.







FCLF COMMUNICATIONS GUIDE





BRAND PLATFORM



WHO?

FLORIDA COMMUNITY LOAN FUND COMMUNICATIONS GUIDE

HOW WE TALK ABOUT OURSELVES

Branding and marketing are not the responsibility of a particular staff member or team. FCLF's bra determined by what we have accomplished, where we are gaing, and how others view those accomplishments and value to the community. Marketing is something we all do every day; it's pa our culture and our story, and is conveyed through how we tall others about FCLF and in how we communicate our organization's accomplishments and value.

Elevator Fitch. Each of us has our own way of describing Florida Community Laan Fund, our "elev pitch" that allows us to give a brief overview of our organization. However you choose to describe FCLF, consider including these elements:

WHY?	We believe that every person in Florida deserves to live with dignity.
HOW?	We provide expertise and capital for a wide range of projects that help low-income people and communities.
WHAT?	With these FCLF tools, projects can be successful, and organizations can better meet their missions of improving lives and communities.
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Key Messages



FLORIDA COMMUNITY LOAN FUND COMMUNICATIONS GUIDE

THE FLORIDA COMMUNITY LOAN FUND BRAND

What is a brand? An organization's brand is not only the logo, colors, and font, but it is also a reflection of its culture and staff, a compilation of its attributes and values. It tells our audience what we have accomplished and where we are going.

What is the FCLF brand? During FCLF's 2014-18 strategic planning process, on independent marketing consultant led discovery sessions with FCLF stakeholders – including borrowers, investors, board & committee members, staff, and convenintly leaders – to determine our organization's attributes and values. The shows a few of the attributes of FCLF that pity mentioned by those surveyed.

FCLF has been noted for these uttributes...

* TECHNICAL * TENACITY

COMMETENCE CREDIBILITY
RELIABILITY RATIONALE
CREATITIVY PRESEVERANCE
FINANCIAN WE CARE

 ADVOCACY A LONGEVITY & EARTNERSHIP STABILITY

Tone and Personality
Vision & Mission

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FCLF odds value to communities through our.

EXPERTISE CONNECTIONS ENCOURAIGNMENT
CREDIBUTY AS A LENGEL
ABUTY TO PUT A DEAL TOGETHEE
TECHNICAL ASSESTANCE

and Mission. Through the strategic planning exercise, or that for 20 years, PCLF staff, board and committee we helped establish the brand by focusing on missiong and helping borrowers achieve their missions, PCLF's financial strength as well as patient staff, it includes moetence as well as creativity, it embraces longevity as well as creativity and innovation. Our Vision and

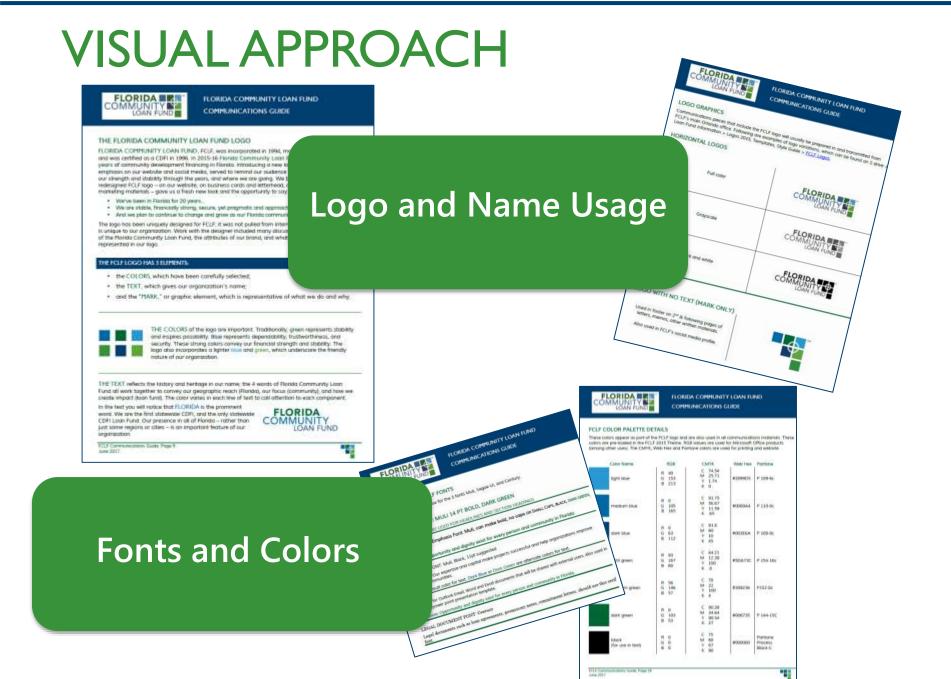
process, are not just a stokenient to the world about ourselves, but also incorporate the way our borrowers and supporters view us — they are a time reflection of the Florida Community Loan Fund strong.

VISION

Opportunity and dignity exist for every person and community in Florida.

MISSION.

Our expertise and capital make projects successful and help organizations improve lives and communities.



CONTENT APPROACH

Communications Style



FLORIDA COMMUNITY LOAN FUND COMMUNICATIONS GUIDE

COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL

Florida Community Loan Fund brand is conveyed through our communications, whether written, oral, or visual. The way in which we communicate outside and inside FCLF adds predicting to who we are as an arganization, and it contributes to our voice. Our communications style is professionally or not overly formal, we strive to write stories and descriptions to be easily readable and without jargon; and in sublic communications – such as website, fact sheets and handouts – we use the informal "we" rather or referring to PCLF as "the organization."

ider to maintain brand consistency, this Communications Guide is a tool for FCLF staff, and includes letines on fonts, colors, and logo use. Whatever we produce — whether a friendly email or a formal, noted research paper – conveys to our audience, "This is FCLF." Proofreading for errors – or asking lifeague to give a second look – adds credibility.

uests for Logo or Company Description, Requests for logos and company descriptions should be yied to the Communications & Marketing Manager. Examples of such requests may include:

- organizational descriptions
- company profiles.
- stories for newsletters or websites.
- logas for signage;

ny other information needed about FCLF for presentation to the public.

<u>Fossi Media Inquiries</u>, Inquiries from members of the press or media should be referred to the Communications. A Marketing Manager or to the CEO, Our CEO will be the spokesperson for FCLF, and the Communications & Marketing Manager can help get a statement or set up an interview.

house a member of the press ask a staff member directly for a quote or information, the bons & Marketing Manager and CEO should review and approve the information before issure style, brand, and metsaging consistency.

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FLORIDA COMMUNITY LOAN FUND COMMUNICATIONS GUIDE

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

Florida: Community Loan Fund (FCLF) recognizes the importance of the internet in shaping public thinking about our arganization and our partner/ships with borrowers, investors, policy makers, and other community development stakeholders. We also recognize the importance of our staff helping shape conversations through interaction in social media. As in all our publications and communications, FCLF is committed to supporting honest, transparent, and knowledgeable disriague on the internet. through social media.

FCLF maintains social media accounts on Focebook, Linkedin, Twitter, YouTube, Google+, instagram, Platenest, Ficks, others may be added as they are introduced. All official social media accounts are manages by the Communications and Marketing Manager, with overlight by the CEO.

We know that shalf participation with FCLF social media accounts will boost our social media engagement, internal presence, and may uttractary lead to additional reviewe for the organization in the form of loans, teverturests, or support. We encourage staff to interact with FCLF social media points by liking, sharing, or re-posting on personal accounts. As a staff member of Flanda Community Loan Fund, anything you pad online reflects both on you and on FCLF. With that in mind, we would like to share these guidelines.

When it comes to Social Media, Do ...

- Think of local TV news, your mother, and your bass. Don't say anything online that you wouldn't be comfortable seeing quoted on the 6 o'clock local news, being asked about by your mother, o having to justify to your bass. Even in a case where only your confacts can see what you write, there is a passibility that what you say could be forwarded and become visible to a water audience, if you do give with an opinion on social media, be polite and appropriate. If you write about an organization that FCLF works with (or competes with), be sure to behave diplomatical and leave the facts strought.
- Add value and expertise. Feel free to share and discuss your experience in community development. You have a unique perspective on FCLF based on your talents, skills, and current responsibilities. Share your knowledge and personality in your posts or when re-posting FCLF.
- Be on the lookout for complements and criticam: Even if you are not an official FCLF spakespersor, you are one of the most vital assets for monitoring the social media landscape. If you come across positive or negative remarks about FCLF or the community development.

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Social Media Guidelines

RESULTS:

Consistency, Brand Awareness, Brand Equity









4. GET THE WORD OUT





MARKETING AND BRANDING ARE EVERYONE'S JOB





NEW STAFF ORIENTATION - COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

Fact Sheets & General Information

- Logo Story
- "Elevator Pitch" ideas from Communications Guide
- About FCLF
- Housing
- Facilities
- Healthcare
- NMTC
- Our Impact
- Annual Report (most recent)
- Loan Officer Areas
- FCLF Regions Map
- Investment Opportunities
- Strategic Plan

Communications Guide

- Print copy
- On S drive
- Templates on S
- Install Muli font, FCLF 2015 theme; set Outlook font to Segoe UI
- Review signature software

Website

- Introduction to various sections
- Work on photo & bio for Staff page
- Social media sites

Desk Folder

Order Business Cards

Order Nametags



WHAT ABOUT YOUR ELEVATOR SPEECH?

FCLF Communications Guide Elements:

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THANK YOU!

Questions?

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