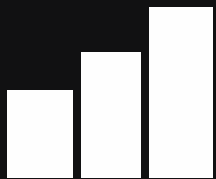


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## Small Business Lending Landscape

Pam Porter, Opportunity Finance Network

# Agenda

- Review small business landscape
- Taking a customer's view of online lenders
- How CDFIs can differentiate
- Discuss how CDFIs and mission-driven lenders might respond to changing landscape

## Our panel

- Frank Altman                      CRF
- Dave Glaser                        Montana CDC
- Adrian Gonzalez                Accion Texas
- Brenda McDaniel                Kentucky Highlands
- Pam Porter                         OFN

# Small business market opportunity

Size by Employees	Number of Firms	% of Total
0 employees	21.3 million	78%
1-4 employees	3.6 million	13%
5-9 employees	1.1 million	4%
10-19 employees	0.6 million	2%
<b>TOTAL with less than 20 employees</b>	<b>26.6 million firms</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>ALL Firms in the US</b>	<b>27.3 million</b>	<b>100%</b>

And 23% report that they sought credit last year\*

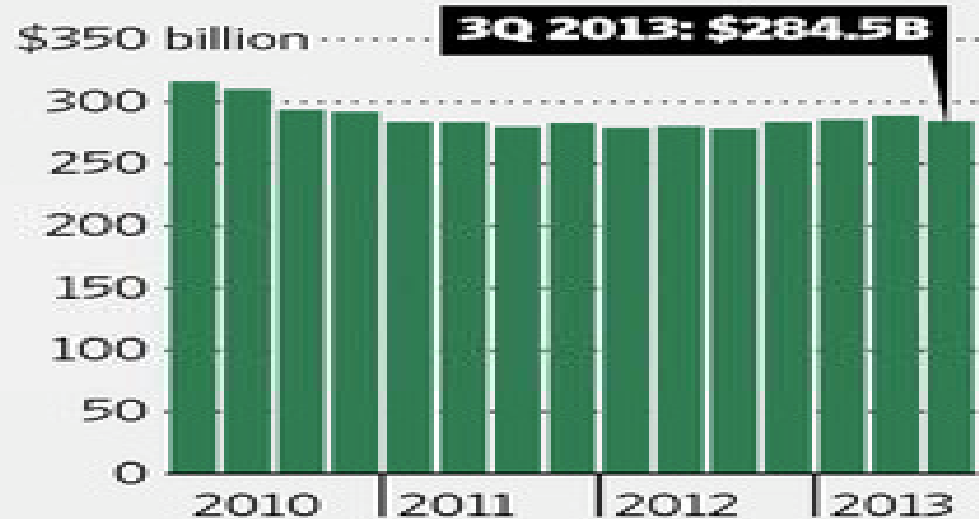
# Who is lending to these small businesses?

- Traditional sources
- Non-traditional sources
- Emerging sources

# Flat growth of loans less than \$1 million

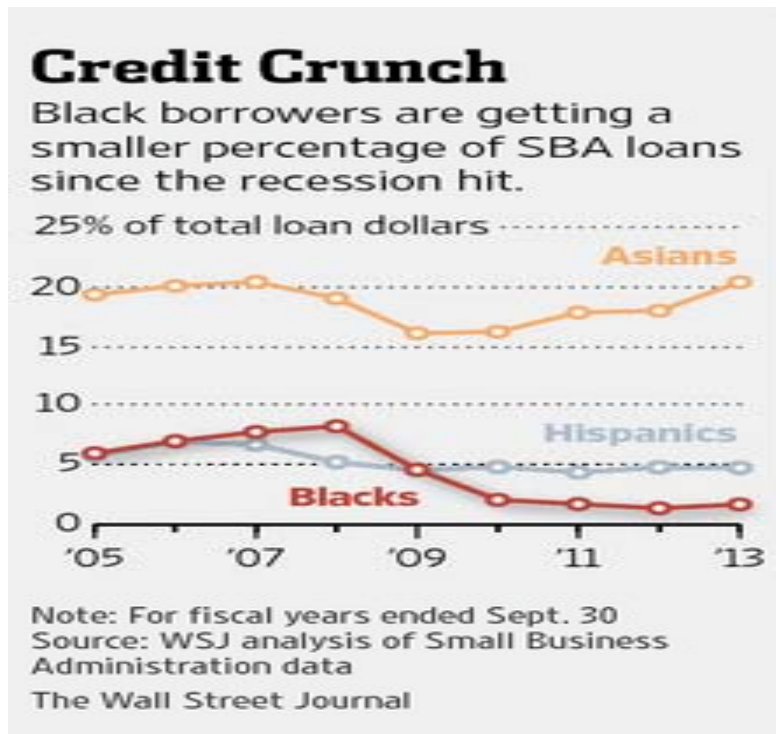
## Tight Credit

Commercial loans of \$1 million or less held by banks



Source: Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.  
The Wall Street Journal

# Minority borrowers experience much higher denial rates



**SBA: Minority-owned firms more likely to be turned down by lenders:**

- Small firms 3x more likely
- Large firms 2x more likely

# Women entrepreneurs face challenges accessing capital

- U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:
  - 8.6 million women-owned small businesses create or maintain 23 million jobs – 16% of all U.S. jobs
  - Only 4% of all small business loans go to women
  - Less than 5% of federal contracts go to women
  - Business training and counseling for women not reauthorized or funded



# Mission-driven lenders increasing lending much more rapidly than banks

- Small business lending by CDFIs:
  - 183 OFN members up 43% from 2012 -13
  - \$300 million to \$437 million
- Others :
  - SBA 504
  - 7(a)
  - ?

# Mission Driven Lenders more effective at serving Low Income communities

- **CDFI Fund Impact Study:** “CDFIs do indeed ‘fill the gap’ that is left by conventional lenders.”
- **SSBCI Study:** “States working through mission-oriented lenders have the greatest success in reaching underserved borrowers.”

# New lenders are changing the small business landscape

## Bloomberg News:

- Rising alternative-lender market in the U.S. was **\$3 billion in 2013** alone

## The Financial Times:

- Some investors view peer-to-peer lending as an asset class and expect it to do **\$25 billion in annual business globally by 2019**

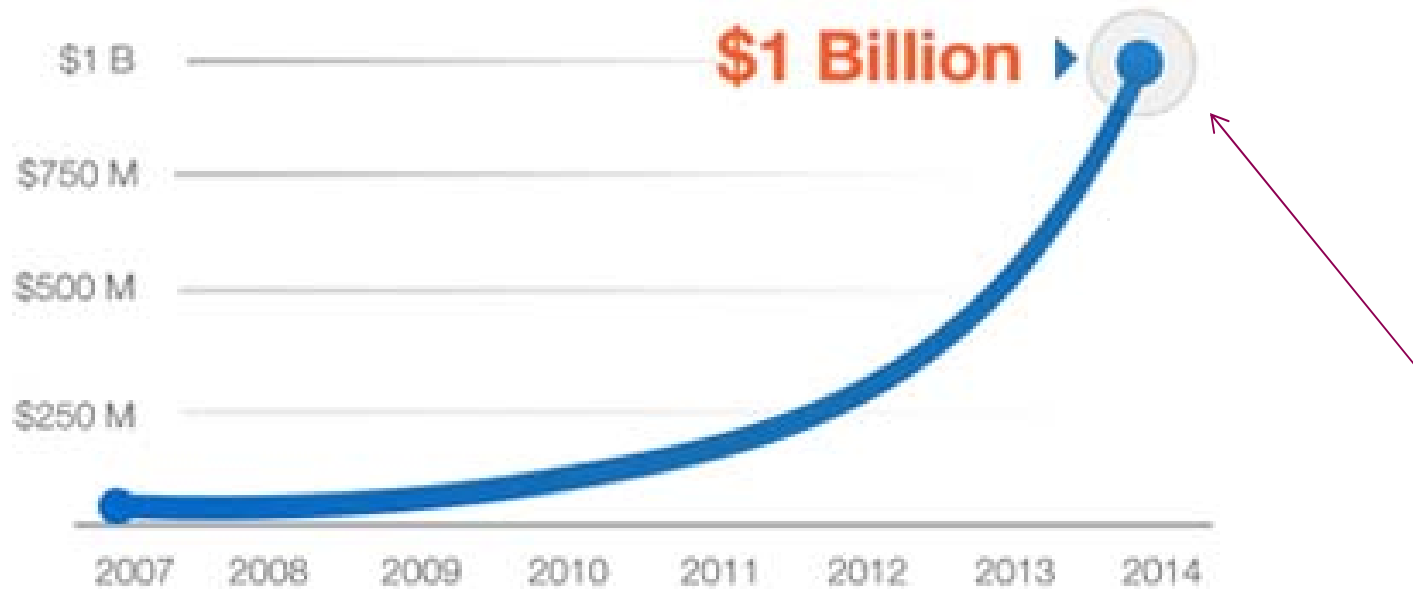
## The New York Times:

- OnDeck has done **\$900 million in small business loans** in last 5 years
- Lending Club and Prosper > **\$4 billion in loans** in last 2-3 years

## The Coleman Report:

- More than **\$100 billion has been pushed through technology platforms** since 2006 to finance small companies

## Growth at **Just One** Alternative Lender (OnDeck)



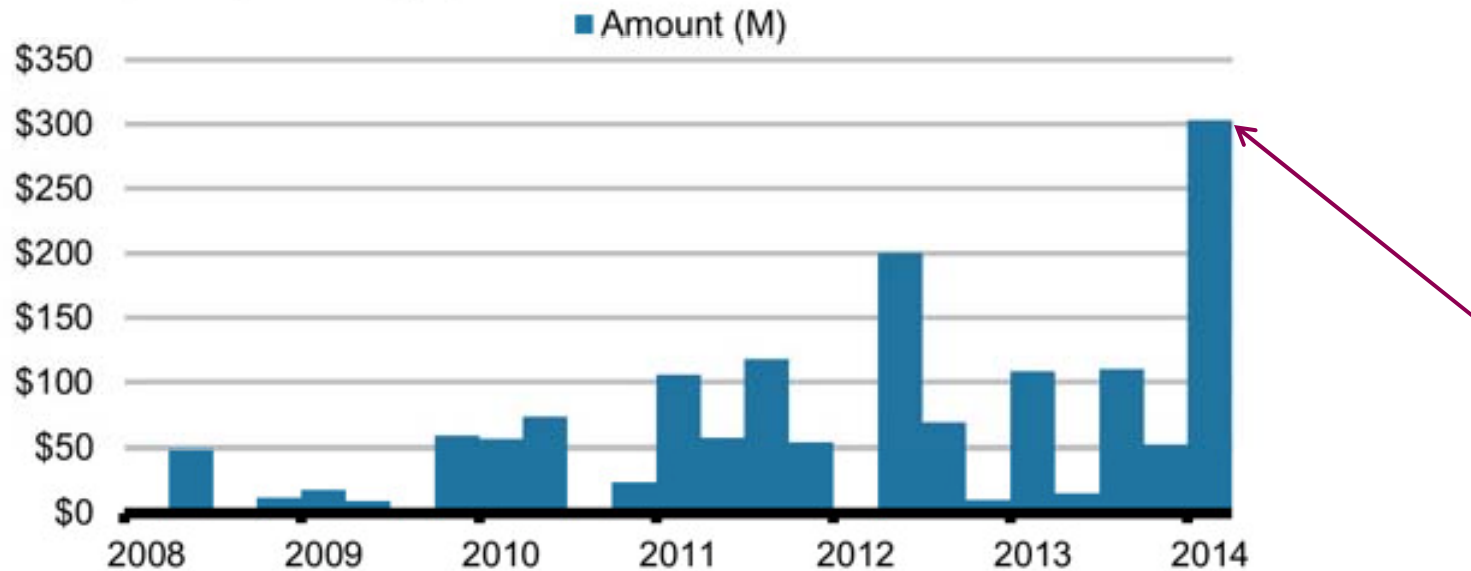
# Alternative Lenders Going Mainstream

- **Forbes 100 'Most Promising Companies'** in the U.S. in 2014:
  - **Lending Club** (\$98M in revenue; 379 employees)
  - **OnDeck** (\$65M in revenue; 240 employees)
  - **Kabbage** (\$17M in revenue; 80 employees)
- **Square, Inc.**, the small-business mobile payment company that expects \$1 billion in revenue in 2014, launched **Square Capital**, to issue merchant cash advances
- U.K. regulators plan to **require banks that deny credit to small businesses to refer those applicants automatically to alternative lenders**

# Venture Capital Moving Into the Space

## Record Quarter for Lending Startups

Venture capital investment in lending startups hit a new high in the first quarter, reaching \$302.8 million.



Source: Dow Jones VentureSource | WSJ.com

# What's Driving This Rapid Transformation of the Small-Business Lending Landscape?

# Technology plays a role....

**Online innovation promises borrowers unprecedented speed and ease of use:**

- Applications typically take very little time to complete
- Process automated with algorithms that access applicant credit histories and social-media profiles
- Alternative lenders offer fast turnaround times
  - Loans disbursed within 48 hours or faster
- Search Engine Optimization and Ad Tracking



# Do Alternative Lenders have a monopoly on Technology?

- CDFI Accion Texas, -- MMS and Nortridge Software
- SBA – SBA One – “one stop shop”
- Loan Service Providers, such as Prudent Lenders
- CRF: Process platform
- Opportunity Fund: merchant advance product

Yet, technology has not (yet?) driven explosive growth

## Alternative Lenders have a common business model:

- **Relatively high interest rates**
  - APRs of 7-200%, unsecured, 1-5% orig. fees
- **Low operating expenses**
  - Limited underwriting – driven by technology
  - No brick & mortar presence
- **High margins offset high default rates**
  - Default rates of 6 - 10% (vs. <1-3% SBA)
- **Volume-driven returns**  
(Example: Lending Club made \$7 million on revenue of \$98 million in 2013 on loan volume of \$2 billion)

# Are These New Lenders Taking Market Share?

Probably some...although not clear

Most alternative lenders accept **near-prime FICO scores** or above (650+).

Some accept **sub-prime FICO scores** (<650).

Commentators assert that borrowers are underserved

# What can Mission-Driven Lenders Learn From the Recent Rise of Alternative Lenders?

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- Peer-to-peer lending companies:
  - [Lending Club](#), [Prosper](#), [Indiegogo](#) and [Funding Circle](#)
- Merchant cash advance companies:
  - [RapidAdvance](#), [AdvanceMe](#), [Square Capital](#)
- Online companies specializing in business lending:
  - [OnDeck](#) and [VMC Capital](#)
- Online lenders that lend only to online companies:
  - [Kabbage](#) and [PayPal](#)
- Online “matchmakers” that connect borrower with lenders:
  - [Lendio](#), [Boefly](#) and [Biz2 Credit](#)
- Google Search “small business loan”

## Our panelists: What take-aways did you have from this review?

- [CRF](#)
- [Montana CDC](#)
- [Accion Texas](#)
- [Kentucky Highlands](#)

## Bigger picture

- How can/should CDFIs differentiate?
- What can we learn from the rise of alternative lenders?
- What are the implications of the rise of alternative lenders for the communities we serve?