

Conservation Bridge Fund

Investing in land conservation, climate adaptation, and equity



Craft3 helps land trusts, Tribes, and conservation organizations succeed by providing flexible and accessible capital paired with expert advice. As the pace and scale of land conservation in the Pacific Northwest increases, Craft3 is there to support property acquisitions ahead of long-term funding.

Craft3 prioritizes land conservation efforts and investments in nature that offer both climate and equity-focused community benefits. For example, watershed conservation often benefits habitat and water quality, while also sequestering carbon, mitigating flooding, and connecting or reconnecting people to the land.

Bridge financing catalyzes conservation

States and the federal government are making significant investments in land conservation and restoration. Funding delays and complexities, however, often pose barriers. Flexible, low-interest rate bridge financing can be used to acquire land, water rights, and conservation easements ahead of permanent funding.

Craft3 is a trusted partner

Craft3 has worked in conservation financing for more than a decade and built a strong network of partners that includes land trusts, Tribes, and conservation organizations. With our experience in debt capital, real estate transactions, public conservation funding, and natural resource management, we help our customers every step of the way.

Conserving Culturally Significant Tribal Lands

When the McKenzie River Trust had the opportunity to purchase a 27-acre oceanfront parcel with high conservation value in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, they contacted Craft3. We provided a low interest bridge loan to facilitate the purchase with the goal of transferring the lands to the Tribes.

Supporting Black Farmers and Black Land Ownership

A bridge loan enabled the Black Oregon Land Trust (BOLT), a start-up nonprofit focused on Black farmer training and farm ownership, to purchase a 10-acre property. BOLT seeks to repair Black land loss and works towards a future in which “Black farmers and land-stewards in Oregon collectively own their land, securely and permanently.”



On the ground results

Since 2011, Craft3's Conservation Bridge Fund has enabled 25 organizations to conserve over 20,000 acres in Oregon and Washington, providing valuable ecosystem services and community benefits. This would not have been possible without the generous ongoing support of the Meyer Memorial Trust.

39 loans

\$30.3 million in financing

\$59 million in leveraged funds

Scaling up

The unprecedented increase in state and federal funding for land conservation and climate adaptation along with the urgency of the climate crisis, means there is greater need than ever before for conservation bridge financing.

Craft3 is seeking partners to help us expand so we can meet this pressing need and support conservation, equity, and climate resilience for landscapes and communities.

INVEST

By making an impact-first investment you can help Craft3 accelerate the pace and scale of land conservation in the region.

DONATE

Tax deductible donations and grants help us offer lower interest rates and make important programmatic investments.

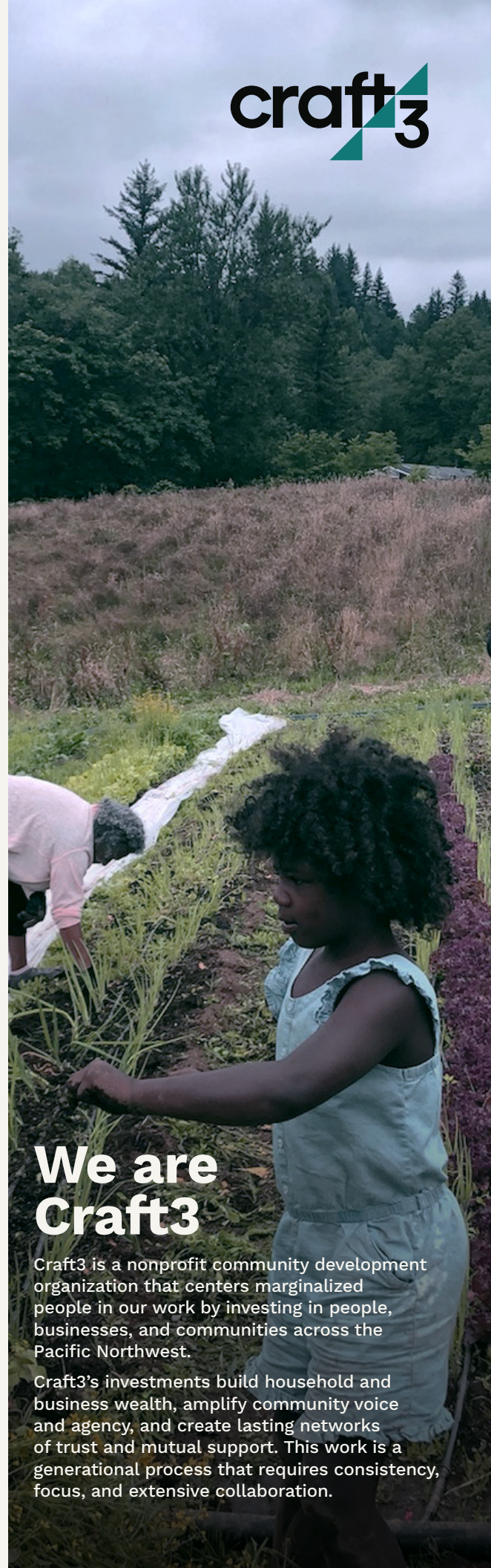
PARTNER

Individual land trust supporters can invest in specific projects through loan participations that reduce transaction costs and lower cost of capital for our borrowers.

CONNECT with Craft3

If you want to learn more or discuss a potential investment, donation or grant opportunity, please reach out. We look forward to connecting!

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We are Craft3

Craft3 is a nonprofit community development organization that centers marginalized people in our work by investing in people, businesses, and communities across the Pacific Northwest.

Craft3's investments build household and business wealth, amplify community voice and agency, and create lasting networks of trust and mutual support. This work is a generational process that requires consistency, focus, and extensive collaboration.