BIOGRAPHY

John Hamilton,
Vice President of Economic Opportunity

John Hamilton is Vice President of Economic Opportunity at the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund, a 34-year old nonprofit that turns investments into loans and education to create opportunity and transform lives across New Hampshire.

John leads lending production for the Community Loan Fund, which has lent more than $260 million in New Hampshire for affordable housing, child care and economic opportunities.

John has a passion for cultivating people and profits, and offers an eclectic mix of leadership experience having worked in the areas of business investing, workforce development, affordable housing, and energy conservation. This reflects his entrepreneurial nature and interest in building “win-win strategies” across the for profit, nonprofit, and government sectors.

He is currently leading the expansion of the Community Loan Fund’s Business Finance programs, which connect business owners with the capital and expertise they need to compete in a changing marketplace.

Business Finance’s Farm and Food Initiative improves access to capital for farms, food providers and others that support the growth of healthy sustainable food systems in New Hampshire.

John is also the founder and Managing Director of the Community Loan Fund’s Vested for Growth program, which has placed millions in growth capital. Vested for Growth provides alternative investment structures such as royalty, or mezzanine, financing to enable high-growth businesses to accomplish their acquisition and/or growth plans. This “roll up your sleeve” style of investing provides him with the opportunity to work intimately with businesses as they strategize practical solutions.

John keeps himself fresh by playing hockey throughout the year and spending time outdoors camping, hiking, skiing with his wife, daughter and friends.