Scaling Green Bank Financing to Deploy Clean Energy & Win the Climate Battle

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CGC unique role as GB field catalyst for decade, refining GB model, implementing on the ground, coordinating partners

- CGC, a non-profit, partners with governments, NGOs and market actors to create Green Banks that increase volume of clean energy investment
- CGC delivers on-the-ground technical expertise to design, start-up and operate GBs
- Helped design & create multiple GBs, which have catalyzed over $2 billion in clean energy investment
- Currently working in over a dozen states in the U.S.
- Founder and CEO Reed Hundt, former chairman of U.S. FCC
- Supported by major global foundations
Green Banks are institutions purpose-built to deliver transformation - generate demand and draw investment.

- Green Bank mission is to use finance tools to mitigate climate change.
- Finance institution dedicated to increasing and accelerating investment in clean power goods and services.
- Can be funded by government, charitable contributions or both.
- May deploy capital from public or private sources, invest on its own or in conjunction with private sector investors. Does not typically take deposits.
- Uses methods that catalyze greater overall investment.

**Green Bank Goal is Volume & Scale**
Governments have implemented the model through a number of forms

Public

Quasi-Public

Private Non-Profit
Green Banks conceived as *public* institutions accelerating shift to clean power platform – but how to scale?

**Traditional Government-Driven Green Bank Model**

- **Government Capital**
  - Investment

- **Green Bank**
  - Project Finance
  - Repayment

- **Co-Investors**
  - Investment
  - Return

- **Projects**
  - Developers

GB focus on projects that are:
- Additive
- Farther out on risk-curve
- In underserved market
- Capable of scaling

- **In Waxman-Markey, Fed govt would form natl GB**
- **Some states imitated on their own, though often with strings attached**
- **Model proliferated, interest grew, but scalable solutions lacking**

*Still created $2B+ of clean power platform investment without federal govt!!*

*What if governments aren’t able to form and fund the GB?*
Growing Green Bank ecosystem also needs organized structure for collaboration, sharing, community-building.

Today, all Green Banks operate independently, seeking capital and developing products on their own:

- No operational partnerships
- No shared products
- No pooled capital
- No standing body to organization - exchange info only on ad hoc basis

*Lack of coordinated activity inhibits scale*
To meet opportunity, propose national GB expansion built for speed, scale, with networked institutions across U.S.

**USGB Initiative & Green Bank Consortium** will enable Green Banks to tap shared resources, capital, realize scale efficiencies

- Raise institutional capital to finance Green Bank projects around the U.S.
- Form non-profit, locally focused Green Banks to build demand
- Develop innovative products that can be deployed by multiple orgs, and expand
- Create organized network of U.S. Green Banks

Building a powerful network of capital, demand formation, investment, and collaboration to activate local clean energy markets across the U.S.
Unique partnership designed to relieve burden on govts to design, create, fund and operate GBs on their own

CGC, Foundations & NY Green Bank building USGB Initiative to create non-profit Green Banks, in partnership with local leaders, to get to work quickly!

1 Capital
   • The new **USGB formed by NYGB** can provide centralized capital to finance sustainable infrastructure projects around the country through Green Banks

2 Operating Funds
   • CGC is raising **funds from philanthropy** to pay for the launch and start-up operating costs of non-profit Green Banks until they are self-sufficient

3 TA, Biz Plan & Op Support
   • CGC designs, forms and operates GB in partnership with local actors to ensure long-term success and stability of the organization
New model is taking shape in real time

### Green Banks Under Development

*Transition from government-driven quasi-public to independent non-profit with government “sponsorship” playing out right now*

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All parties connected through new Green Bank Consortium to share products, know-how; access capital, services

Consortium to be inclusive, large and collaborative.
Contact CGC to learn more and join the Consortium!

Consortium Members

- GB
- GB
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- GB
- GB

Info, services, product know-how

CGC as Consortium Operator

Partnerships to benefit members

Supporters, Market Actors, Investors & Service Providers

Build strong networks

Scale efficiently with tech, service & PRI partnerships
Thank You

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Historical approach in U.S. is piecemeal – rebates, tax cuts, mandates don’t add to transformative investment

**Typical Solutions**

- Tax Cuts
- RPS
- Rebates
- Net-Metering
- Loan Programs

**Insufficient Impact**

- Total clean energy investment in U.S. flat since 2011
- Non-hydro renewable generation penetration still only 9.6% in 2017
- Plug-in electric vehicle penetration only 1.2% of new sales in 2017

Building clean power platform requires massive, systemic investment effort right away!

- Costs of breakthrough clean tech falling
- When combined, can create clean power platform
- Demand for power insatiable
- Secular stagnation leaves massive capital undeployed
- Piecemeal grants, incentives, mandates not transformational
- Few institutions focus on scaling investment
Positive outcomes, obstacles, and urgency call for change in Green Bank approach

**Experience teaches hard truths**

**DON’T create Green Banks indefinitely dependent on government**
- Need start-up P & L

**DON’T create Green Banks solely capitalized by government**
- Need good, diverse balance sheet

**DON’T fail to innovate**
- Go beyond commercially comfortable practices

**DO create Green Banks that break even, last as long as necessary**
- Non-profit model indefinitely needed, moves forward to newer markets

**DO form capital pool - private + public + mission-driven**
- Keep hurdle rate low, especially as interest rates rise

**DO catalyze project creation, demand for capital**
- Market makers connect demand to supply
Green Bankers across the country agree now is time for ambitious, expansive, national Green Bank effort.

Simultaneously, multiple Green Bank leaders independently saw the need to expand Green Banking nationally under a new model. *What did we all see?*

- **Surging demand for Green Banks**
- **No federal leadership or funding**

- **Existing Green Banks more mature, with good products**
- **State govt interest, but no money or pathway**

- **Too slow to reinvent wheels**
- **New sources of capital coming to the table**

**URGENCY!**

**Time for Coordinated Expansion with New Approach!**
Proposal sees reciprocal needs; new GB formation most useful if paired with strong GB community – and vice versa.

Many new GBs need to be formed quickly to increase investment volume. Those GBs only operate effectively (i.e. maximize volume) if welcomed into strong, open, cohesive GB community, with clear pathway, TA and standardized processes to scale quickly. Creating one-off GBs without coordinated system to foster broader growth has limited value.

A strong GB community needs to exist to support GBs and build network value. That GB community only has value if it is large and inclusive, with many new GBs being formed and added to the network to expand investment base and build collective know-how. Launching effort to support GB community without way to quickly add new GBs to network has limited value.
Lean, focused non-profit Green Banks across the country will develop markets and generate demand for investment.

**New Lean Green Bank 501(c)(3) Non-Profit**
- New GBs will be lean, scrappy start-ups
- Incorporated as non-profits, but with government “sponsorship” (MOU or Board)
- **Formation takes days, not years!**
- Join Green Bank Consortium for support
- Won’t start with own balance sheet capital - will focus on deal gen to draw on central capital

**Form**

**Action**
- Meet with market actors to understand gaps, financing needs, product opportunities
- Proactively market clean energy and financing
- Identify deals, projects, products and structures in need of investment

**Future**
- May build own balance sheet over time from local investors, PRI, government if desired

*Engage Local Market Actors to Create Deal Flow*

**Local Clean Energy Markets**
Developers, contractors, lenders, investors, specialty finance cos, tech cos, community orgs, government, others.