

The BHI Network is Implementing the “CCI Capital Absorption Framework”

SHARED PRIORITY

A shared priority is the North Star that guides collaborative work on community investment. It has two parts: an aspiration for how to use investment to bring racial equity to your community and a result that names the specific change and outcome you will work to achieve in service of your aspiration. The aspiration reflects the values of the people who live and work in a place, and the result is accomplished through specific community investment strategies.

PIPELINE:

A pipeline is a set of deals and projects that help achieve a community’s shared priority. For instance, if your shared priority focuses on housing stability, your pipeline will include projects related to preserving and building affordable housing. For BHI this is both a supply and demand pipeline effort.

ENABLING ENVIRONMENT:

The enabling environment is the setting in which community investment takes place. It includes everything that makes it easier or harder to identify a shared priority and develop and fund projects to make that priority a reality. This ranges from policies, institutional practices, funding sources, and other resources to skills, relationships, and the community’s understanding of its history and future.