



**A new community fund model to help  
you invest locally with your community.**




  
**cooperative  
capital.**

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# AGENDA

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- Introduction to Cooperative Capital**  
*Project brief and business goals*
  - Website Evaluation**  
*Analysis and research*
  - Competitive Landscape Research**  
*Website feature analysis*
  - User Discovery**  
*Research and insights*
  - Design Phase**  
*Prototype design and testing/insights*
  - Next Steps**  
*Additional features and considerations*



# INVESTMENT FUND MODEL



**Pool together funds with  
members of your community**



**Choose investments  
opportunities together**



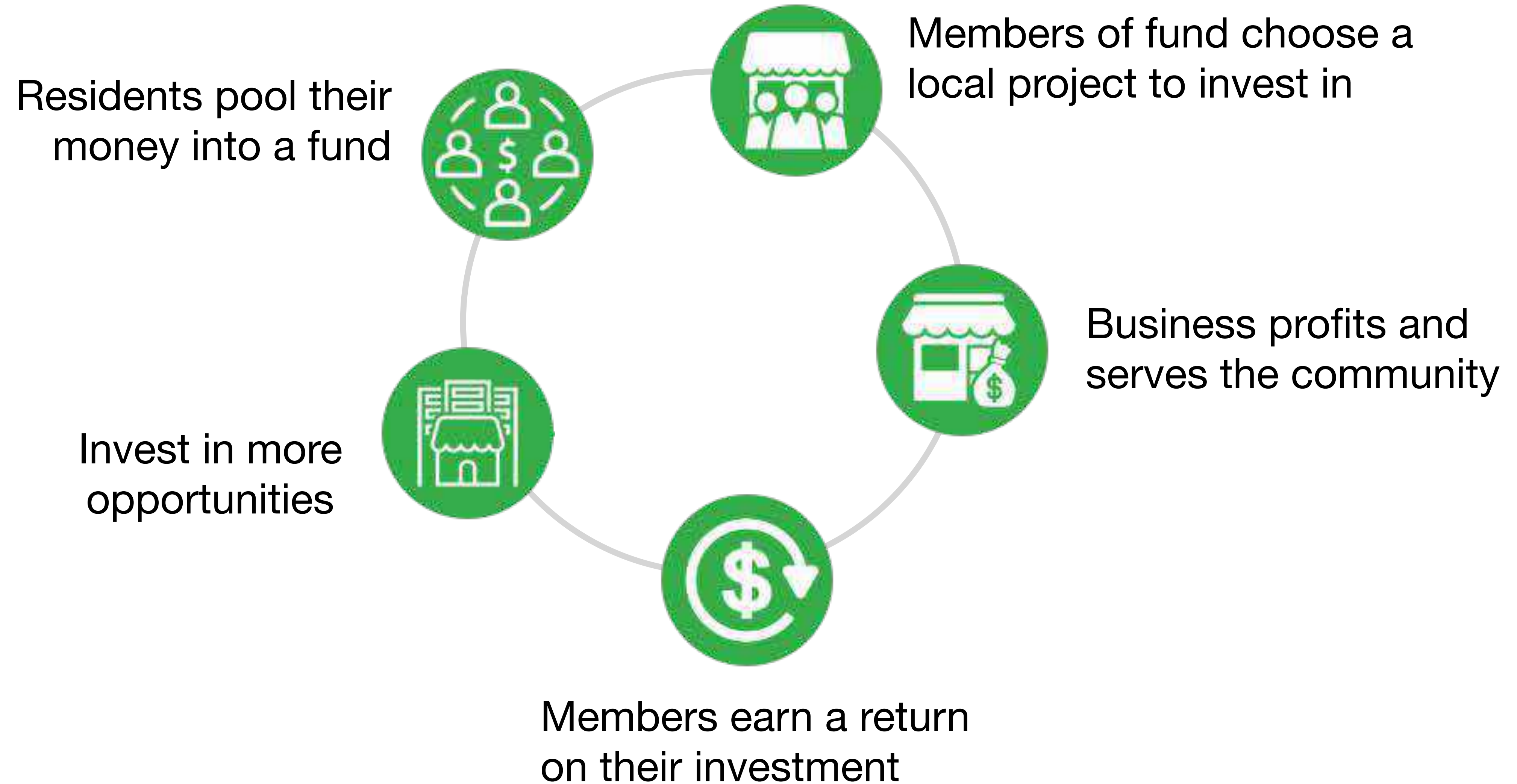
**Receive a financial return  
on your investment**



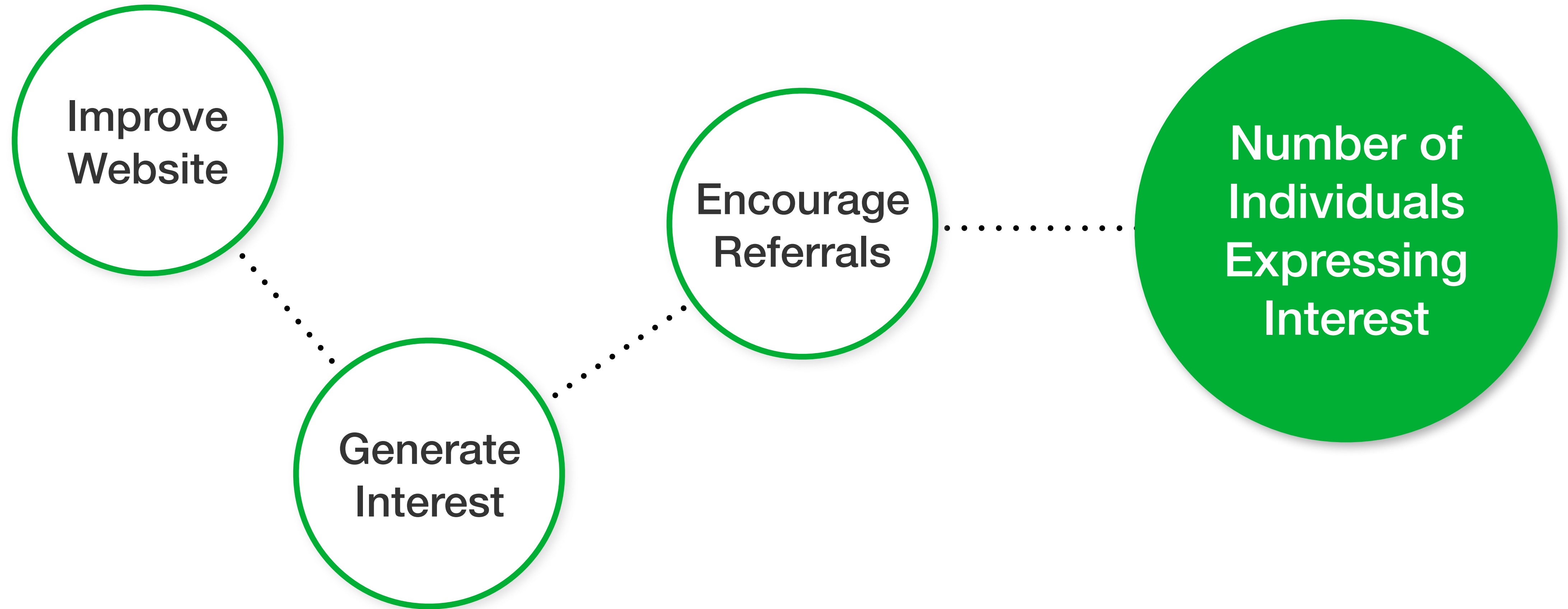
**See your community improve**



# WHO BENEFITS?

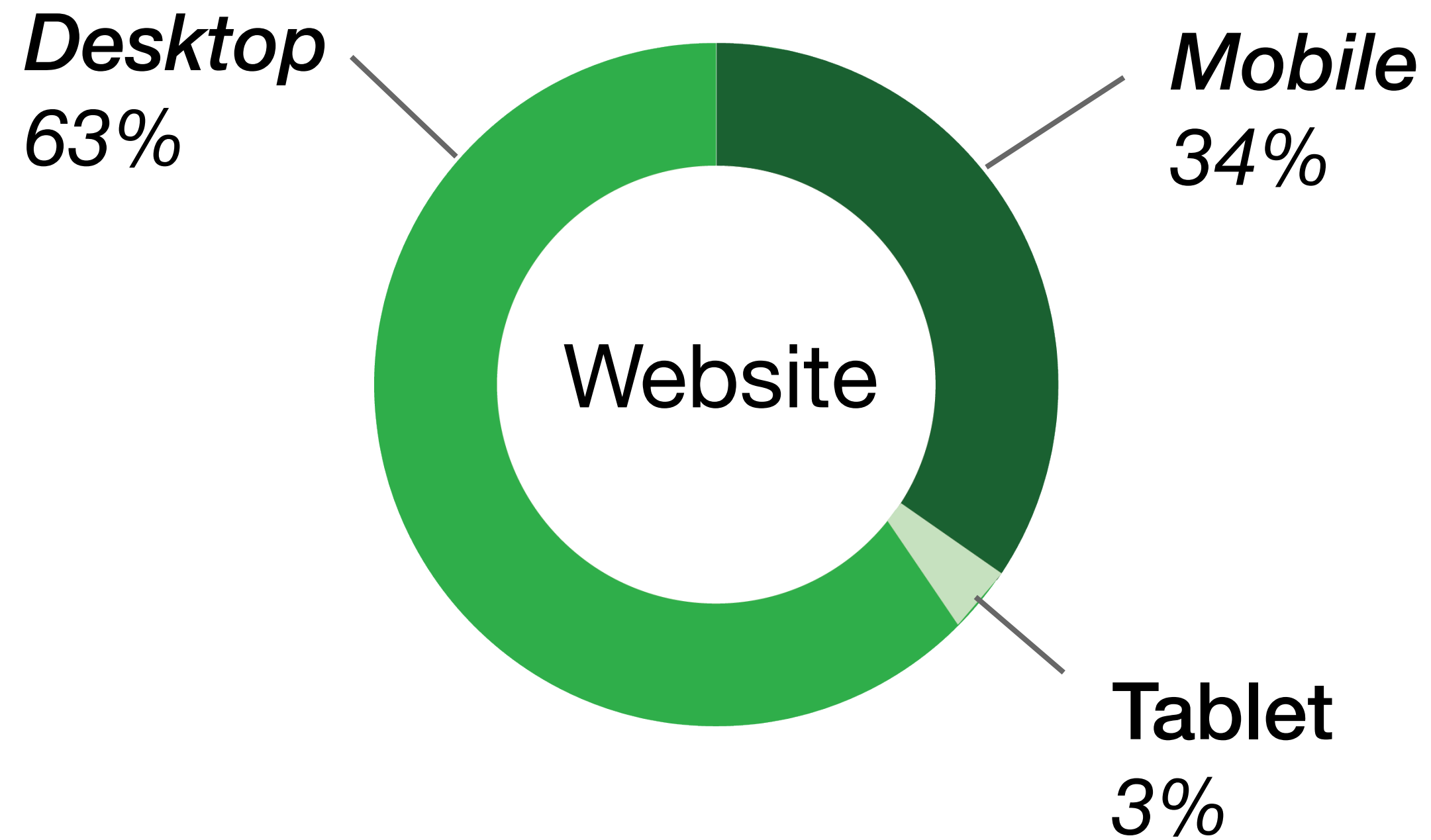


# PROJECT GOALS

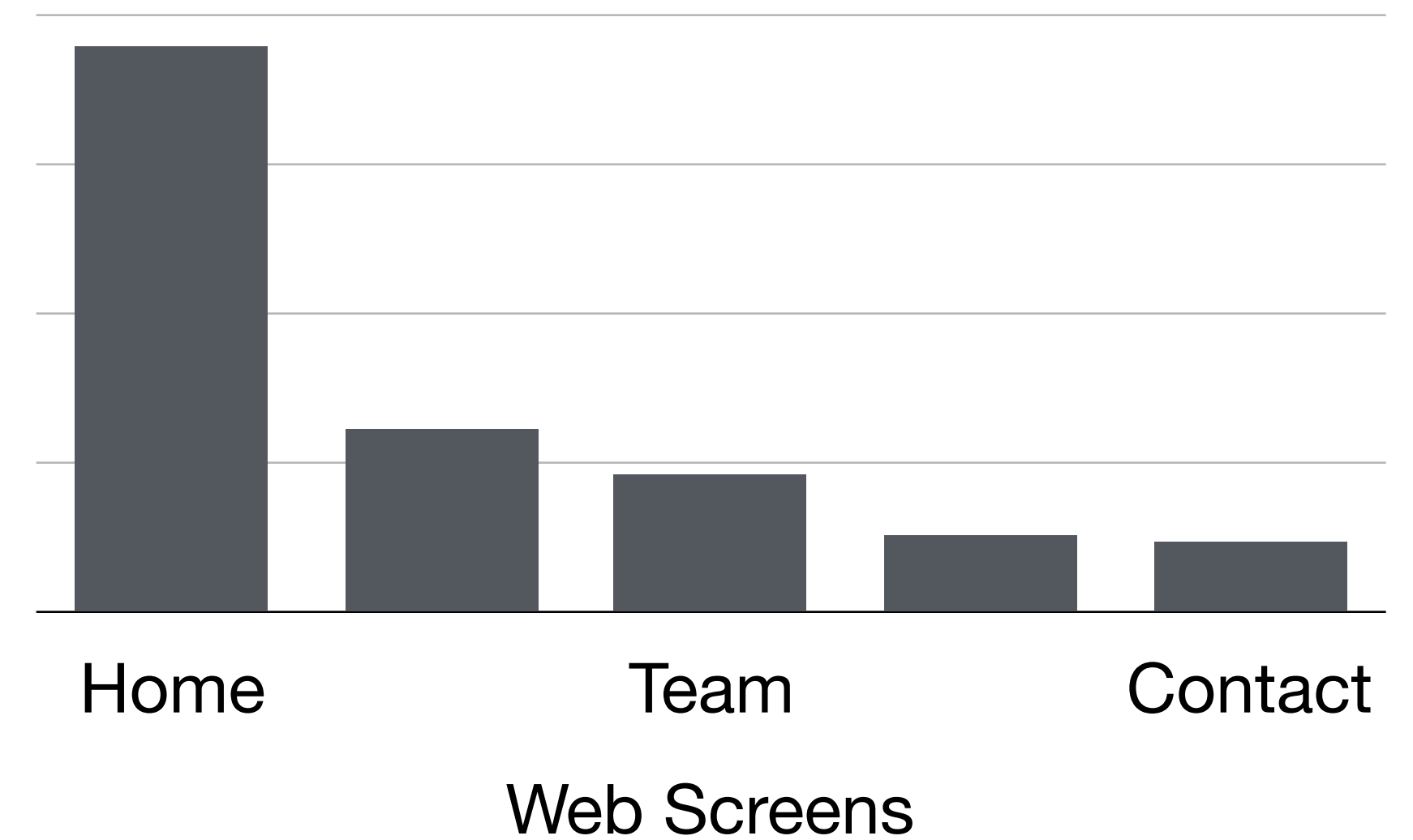


# WEBSITE EVALUATION

Users primarily visit from desktop.



Site retention is low - users leave after the home page.

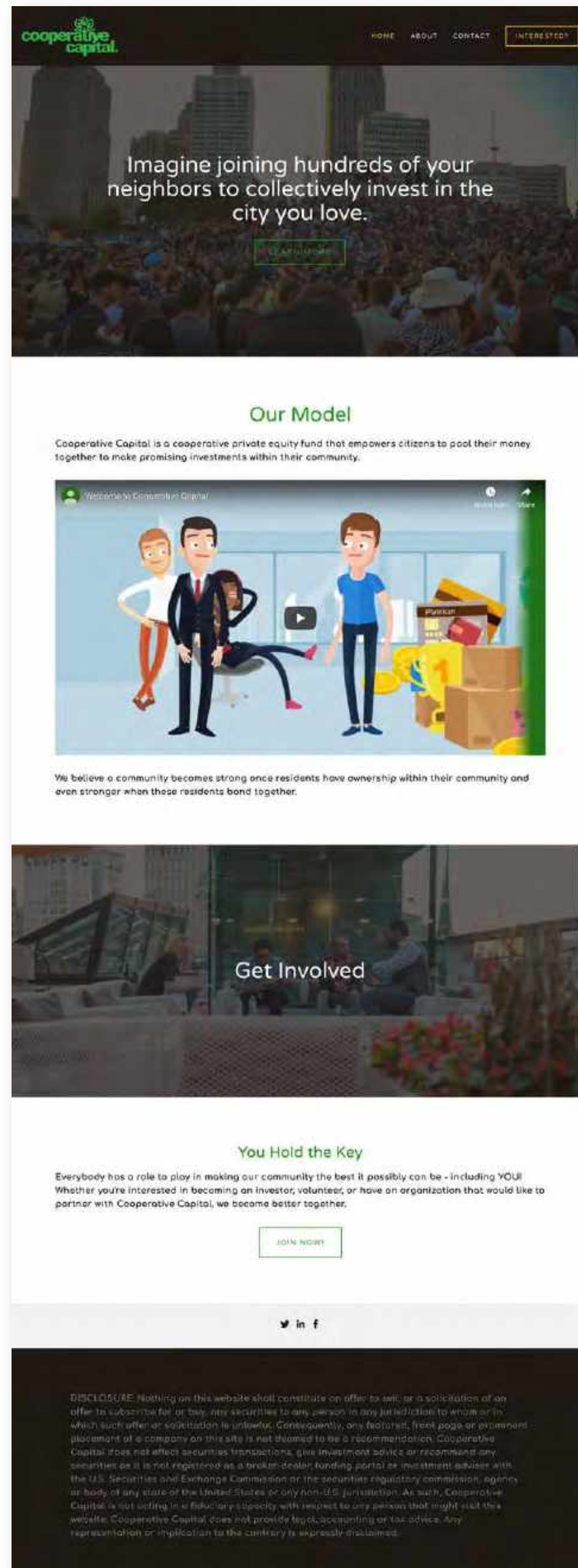




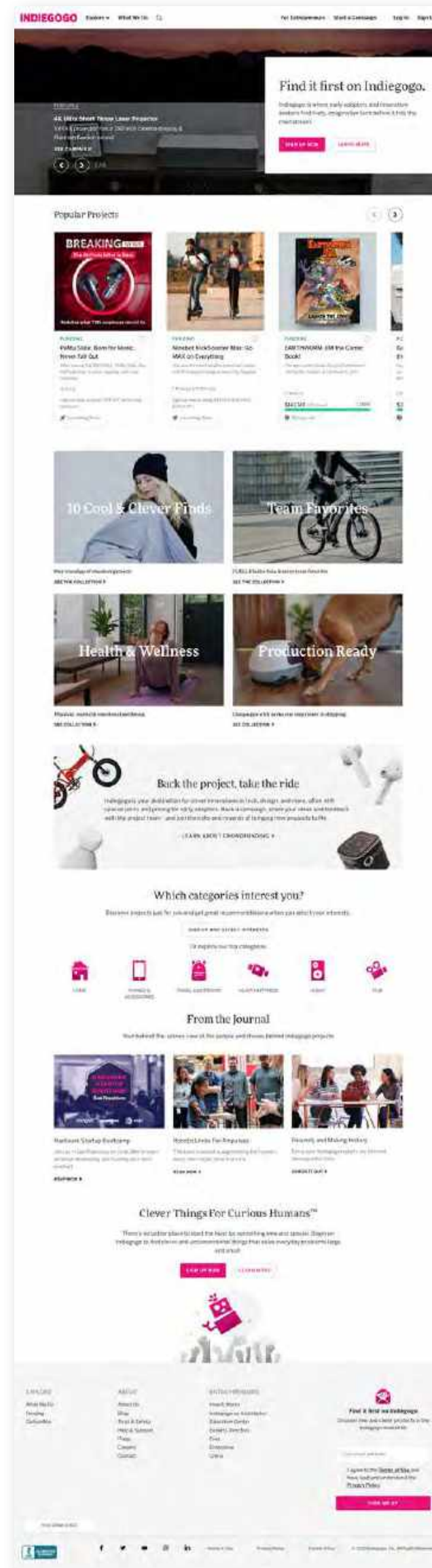
# WEBSITE ANALYSIS

## Onboarding

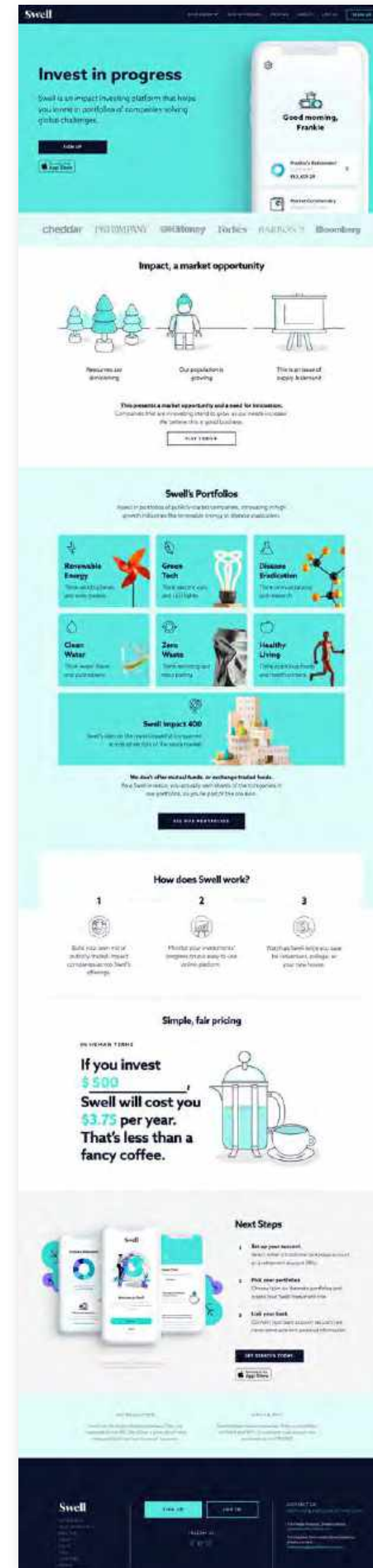
- 1 - Credibility
- 2 - Content
- 3 - Retention



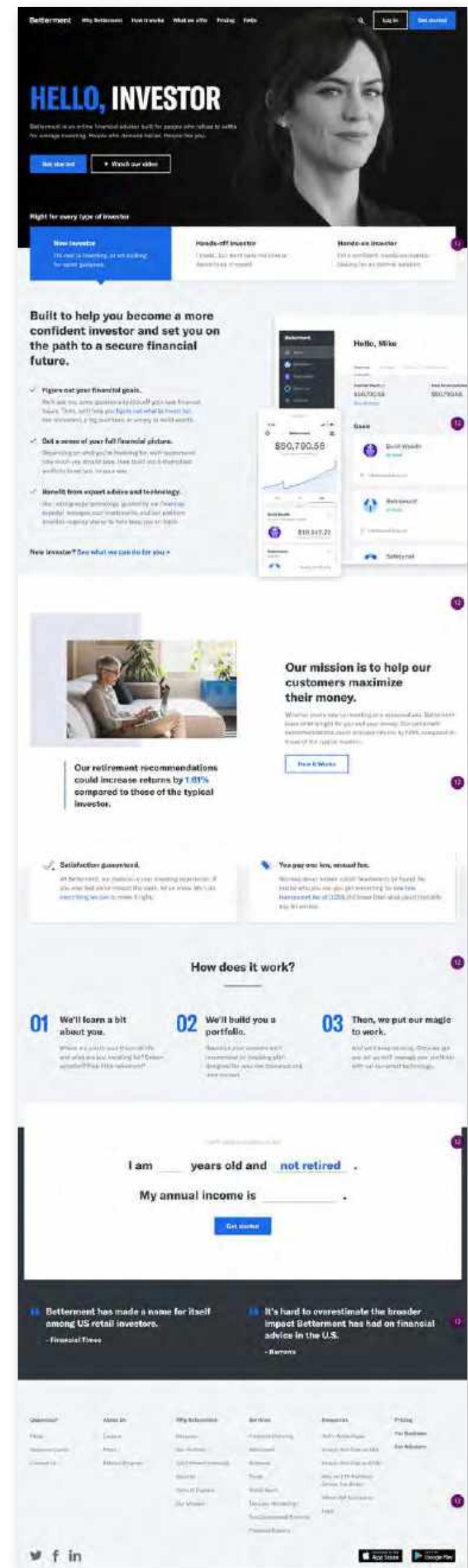
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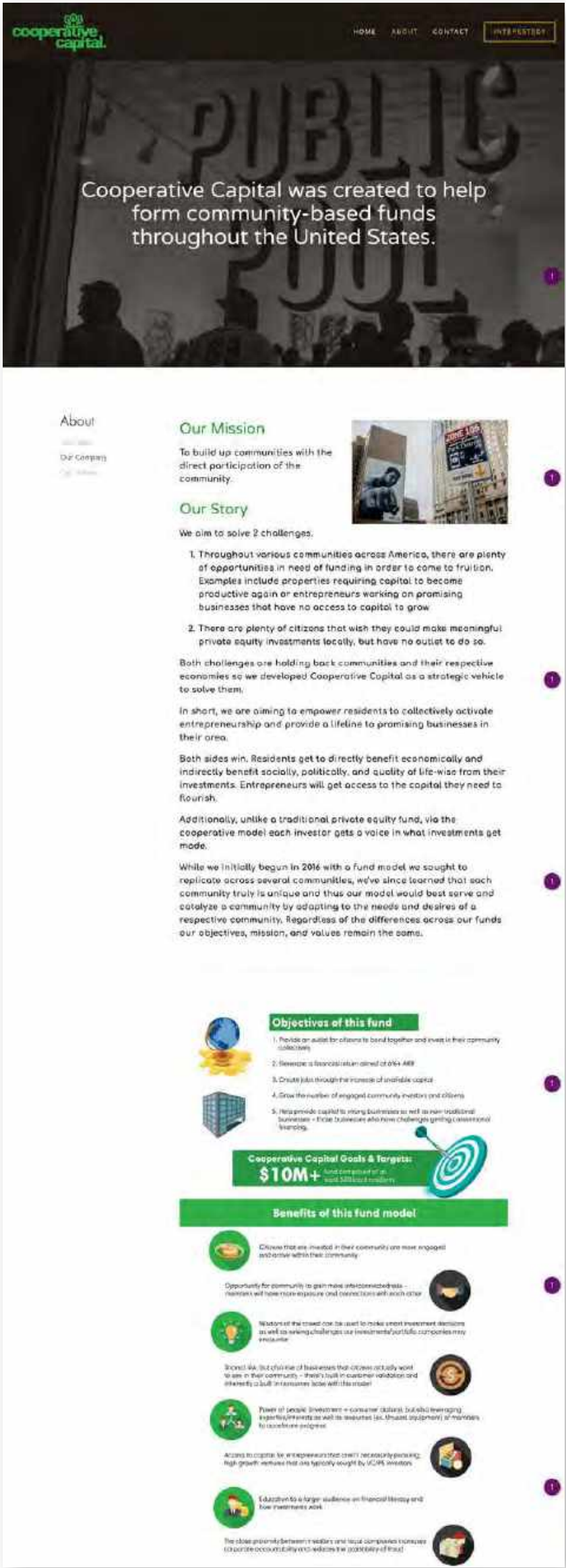
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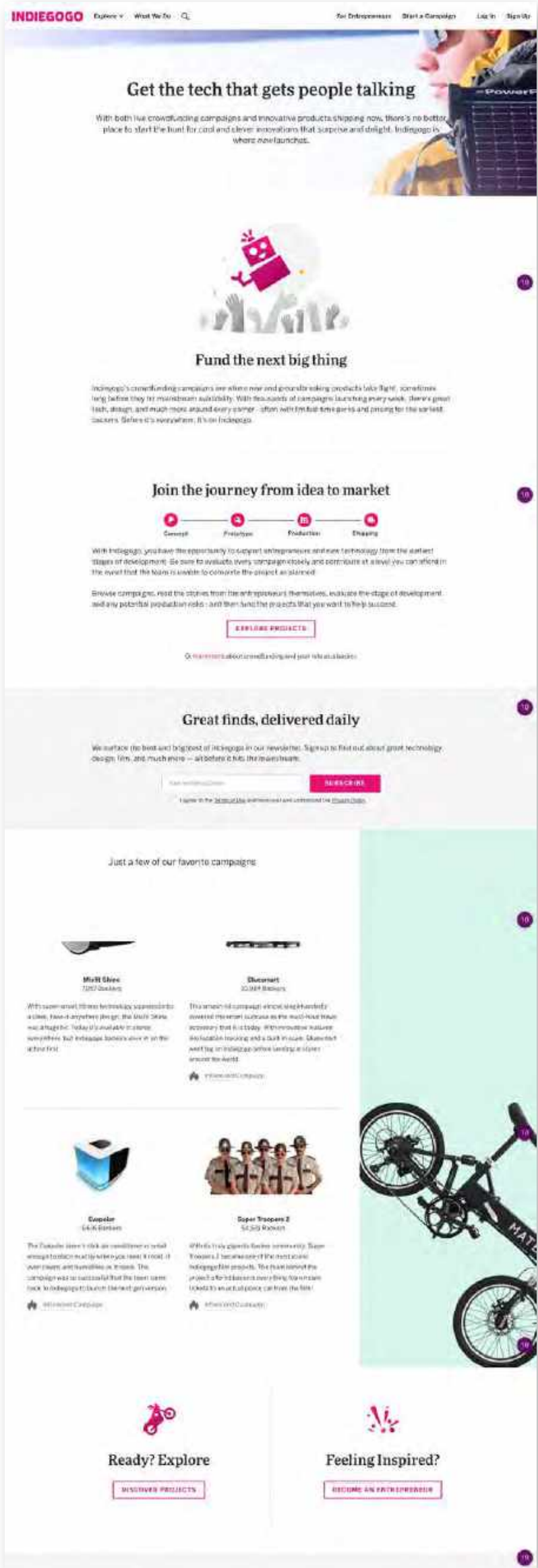
# WEBSITE ANALYSIS

## Concept Explanation

- 1 - Clarity
- 2 - Language
- 3 - Visuals



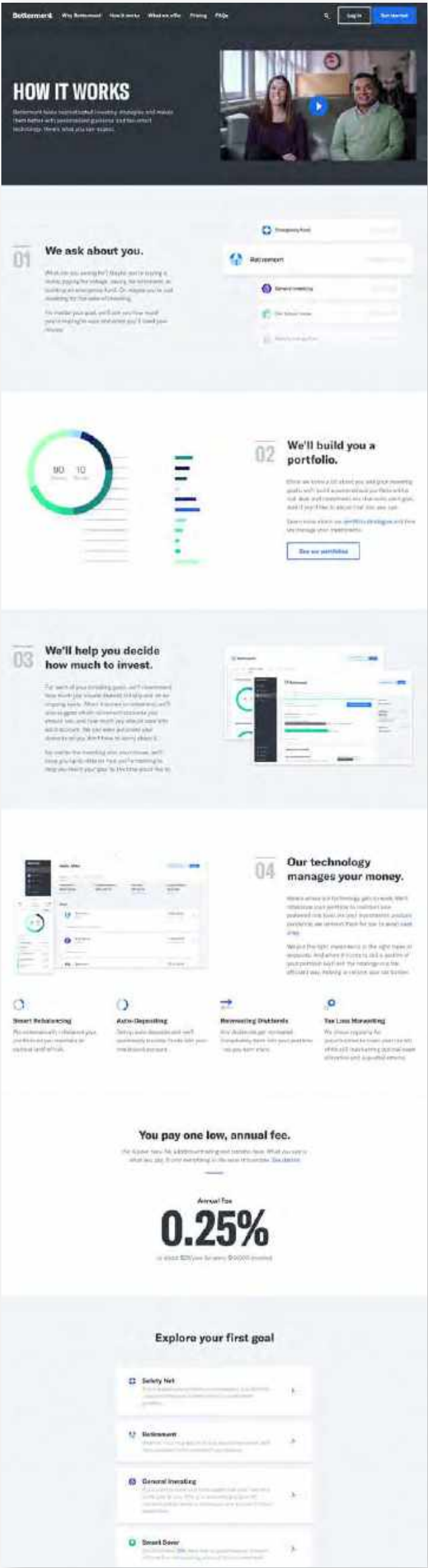
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# USER DISCOVERY

## 1 OUTREACH



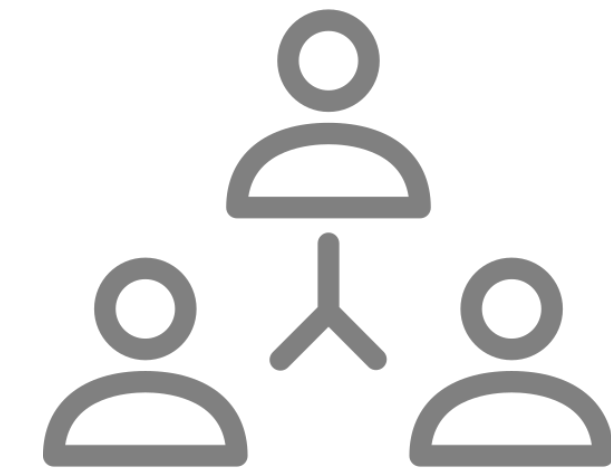
*Surveys  
Email Contact*

## 2 INTERVIEW



*11 Interviews  
Conducted*

## 3 USER BASE DEFINED



*Trends and problem  
space discovered*





## KEY INSIGHT #1

Understanding of personal finances and money management:

**72%** described themselves as having **moderate to high financial literacy**

*"I manage my own money and have financial goals."*



## KEY INSIGHT #2



TRUST

Motivations for investing:

**91%** invested in credible and reliable low risk options

*"When I decide to invest I look at risks and return.  
I don't have a huge risk appetite."*



## KEY INSIGHT #3

Community fund knowledge:

**82%** are unaware of how a community fund works or that it could even be a possible investment option

**Go  
for it !**

*"I haven't heard of it before, is it like crowdfunding?"*



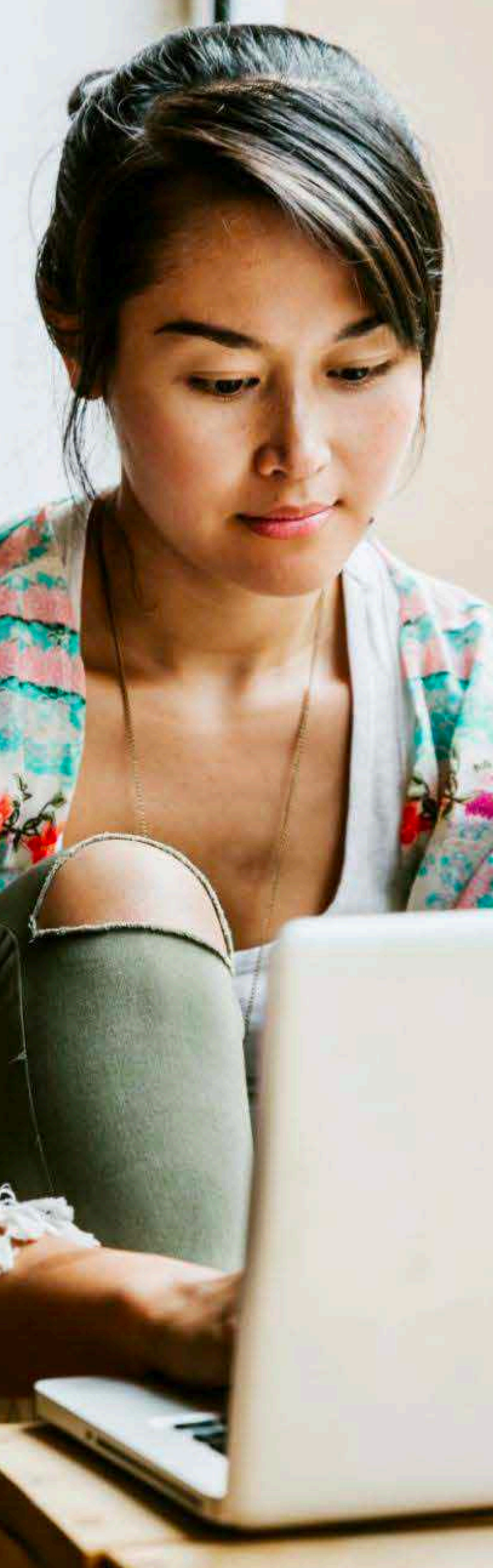
## KEY INSIGHT #4

Challenges with Investing:

**82%** less likely to invest if it doesn't directly affect them or offer enough data to validate the risks and returns

*"I'm deterred if I have no interest or don't care about the problem."*





# Meet Jennifer!

Age: 35

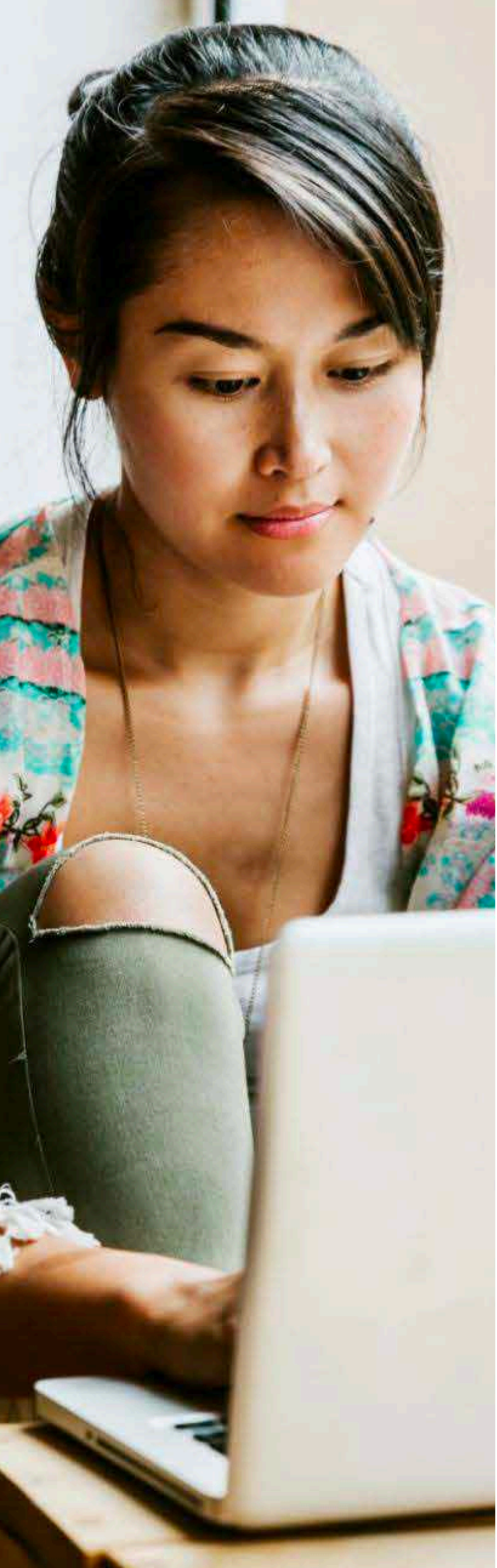
Hometown: Lansing, MI

Financial Literacy: 

*“Serving the community is just as important as building your own interests.”*

- Developed connections with locals and neighbors
- Helps out at local non-profit
- Seeking other reliable investment opportunities





## Goals

- Find a reliable way to grow her financial assets while positively impacting her community

## Needs

- Low-risk investment opportunities
- More support for the causes she's involved with

## Behaviors

- Seeks financial advice from social circles, online forums and books

## Frustrations

- Finding credible resources and understanding financial terminology



# PROBLEM SPACE

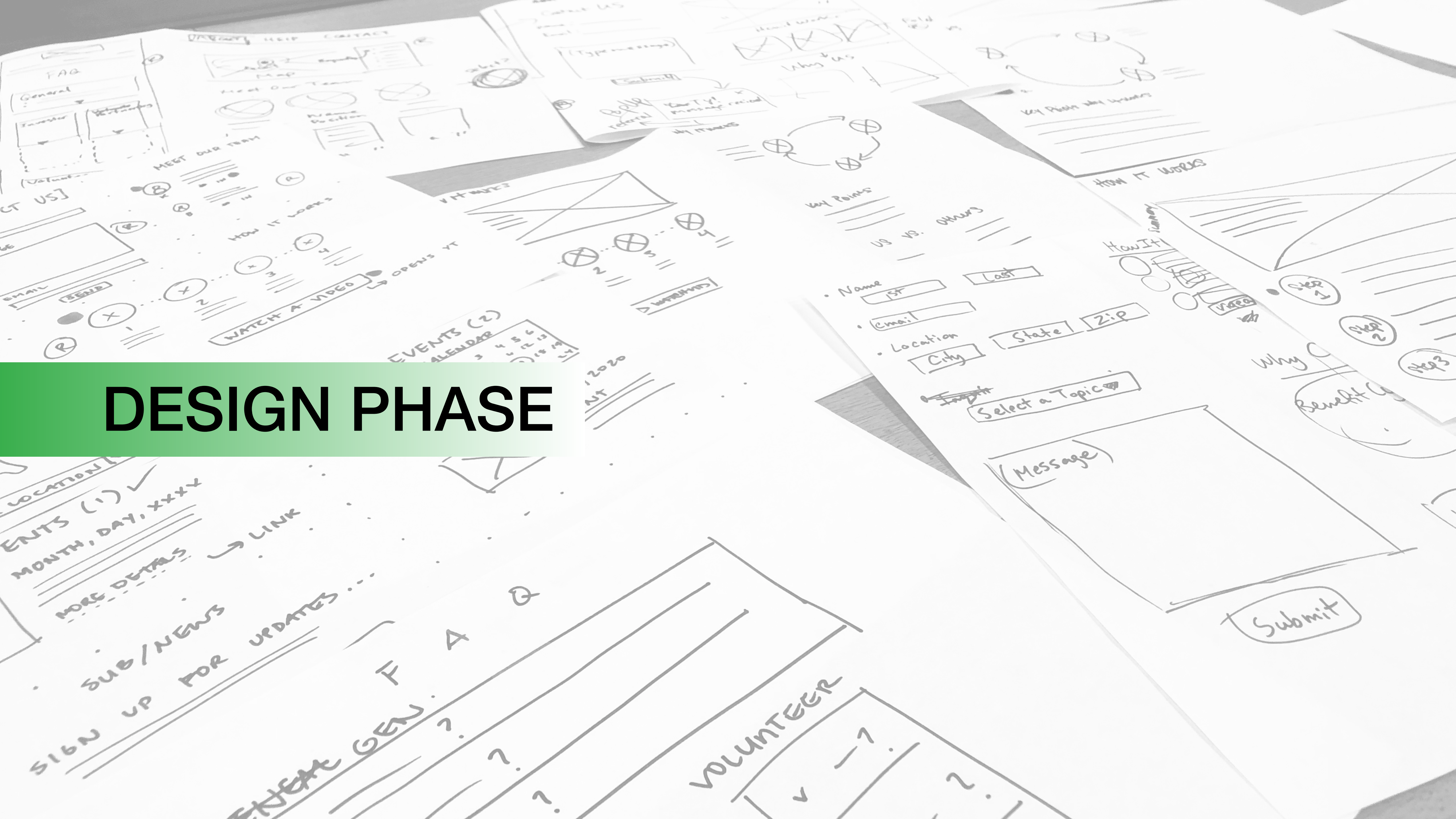
How might Cooperative Capital...

1. Guide someone like Jennifer towards the goal of **investing in a community fund?**
2. Encourage Jennifer to **refer others** to invest within their community?





# DESIGN PHASE





# MVP FEATURES

**What is  
Cooperative  
Capital?**



**How It Works  
USP  
FAQ  
Our Team**

**How can I get  
in touch?**



**Location  
Contact Us  
Subscription**

**Interest form  
and completion  
prompt**

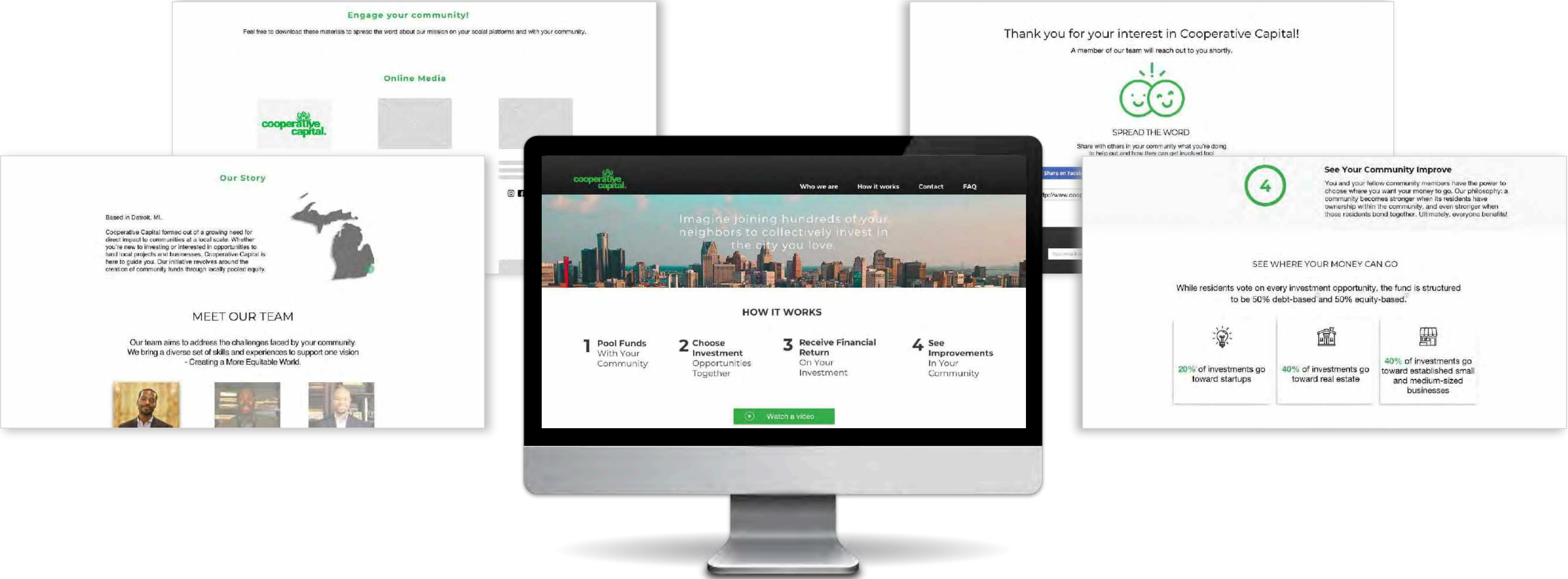
**How can I  
share with my  
network?**



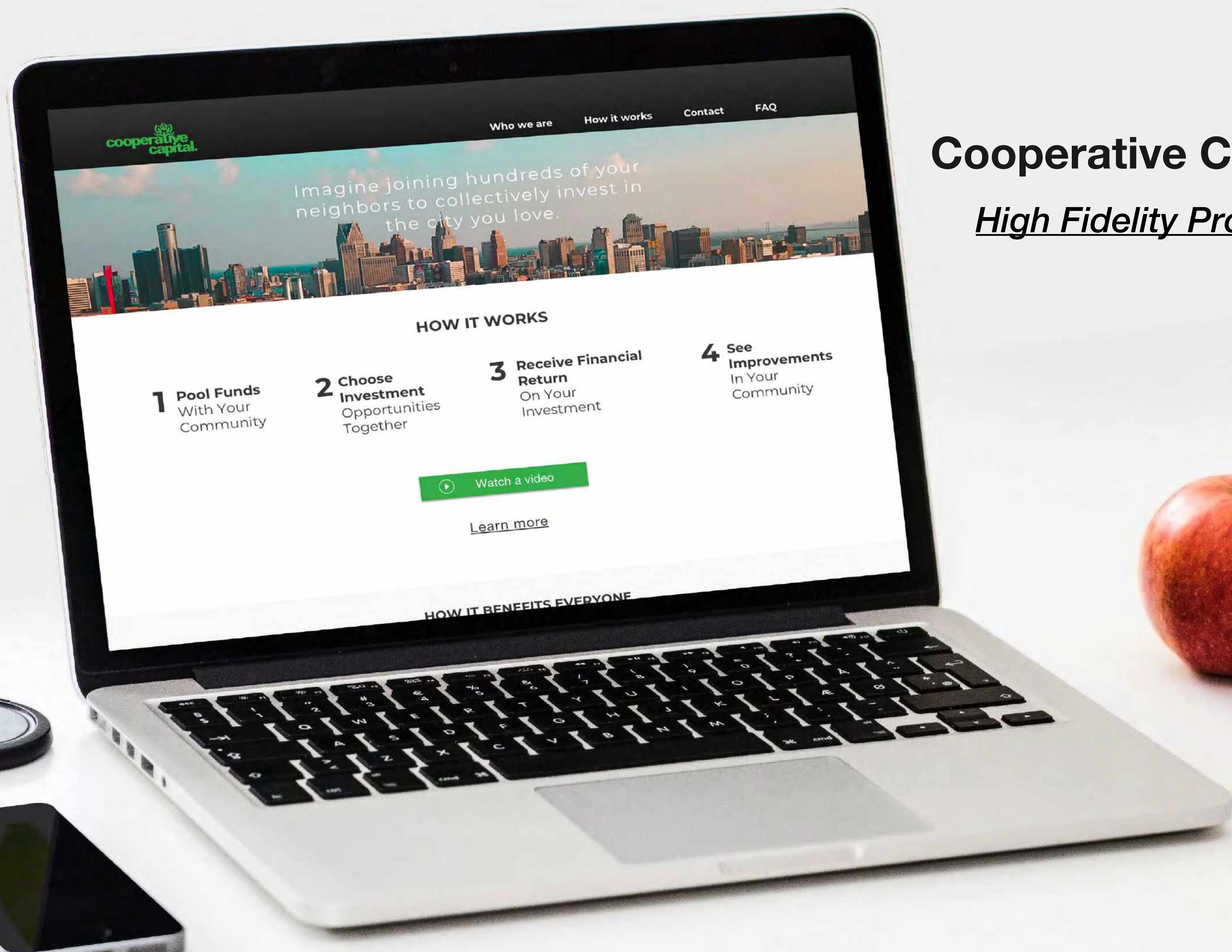
**Referral System  
Shareable Assets  
Social Media**



# RESEARCH INFORMED DESIGN







# Cooperative Capital

## High Fidelity Prototype



# WEBSITE USABILITY TESTS

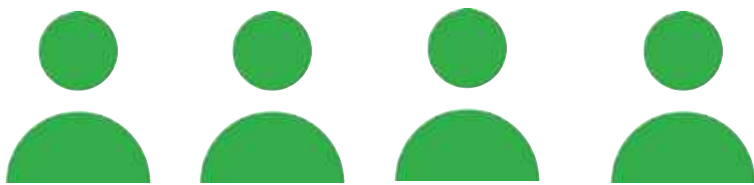
## TASK

understood the community private equity fund model

1/4



4/4



completed the contact form to express interest

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4/4



could share the opportunity details to their social circles

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3/4





# NEXT STEPS



Mobile Version



Followup System



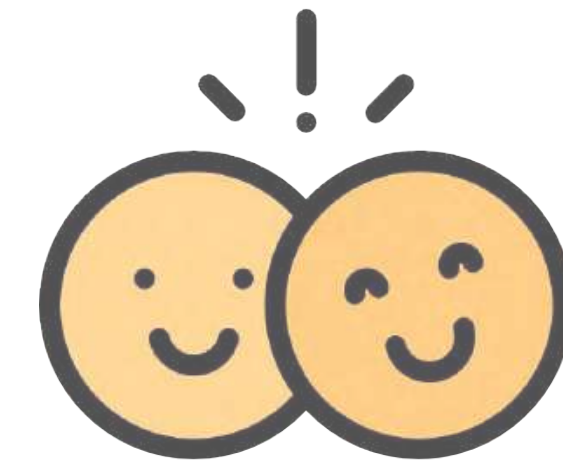
Online Investing



Toolkit Files



Ongoing Projects



Success Stories



A close-up, low-angle shot of several people's hands and forearms stacked together in a circle, suggesting a group hug or a moment of collective support. The lighting is warm and golden, likely from the sun being low in the sky. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with wooden steps or a deck. The text "THANK YOU!" is overlaid in the center in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**THANK YOU!**