



BOSTON

SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

CLIENT PARTNER SPOTLIGHT – SHEAN MOORE

Spending time in conversation with Client Partner Sean Moore is a true gift. He's honest, kind, direct and carries himself with an entertaining sense of humor. In sharing the sweep of his life story, he openly acknowledges that somewhere in the Montana landscape - which he desperately loves - he lost his way. But he also counts his blessings with a full embrace. In fact, he reflects on the person who testified against him with gratitude. "I'm glad I'm out of it. I'm not mad at him at all. He saved my life by doing it."

After returning home from prison, Sean began rebuilding the only way he knew how: step by step. He found stability in routine—showing up for work, staying sober, and leaning into a small circle of people he could trust. Along the way, he set clear boundaries with his past—staying away from old crowds and focusing on being present for family. Today, he's proud of his quiet progress: working hard in a demanding maintenance role for dozens of properties, providing support for loved ones, and searching for a new place to call home. Each day, Sean shares, "I stay clean. I stay focused. I go to work. And I try to help people."

A major barrier in Sean's reentry was financial: he faced steep federal fines and, even after paying down a much larger balance, still had about \$3,100 left—on top of child support and everyday bills. The Fountain Fund loan helped lift that weight at a crucial moment, allowing him to clear the remaining debt and keep moving forward. With the fines addressed, Sean has been able to focus on what comes next: improving his credit, paying off his loan (this summer!), and building a life he's proud of. One day, if he gets his dream, he'll return to the gorgeous Montana mountains.

Words of wisdom that Sean might share with others who are returning citizens? "Get around a good core of people. ... When you're struggling, talk to someone with a strong head on their shoulders. Lean on the people who are going to give you good advice. Don't try to do it alone."



*Sean Moore (right) and fellow Client Partner **Stephen Pina** (left) enjoy a year-end celebration at The Fountain Fund in Boston.*

AARON MORIN WELCOMED AS NEW BOSTON SITE DIRECTOR

We're excited to welcome Aaron Morin as our new Boston Site Director. Aaron brings extensive experience in community engagement, restorative practices, reentry support, financial literacy and workforce initiatives. His most recent role as a Pathways Transitional Coach was with **UTEC, Inc.**, an impactful nonprofit that encourages justice-involved young adults to "trade violence and poverty for social & economic success."

Over the years, Aaron has also contributed to relationship-building between higher education and incarcerated learners by engaging in programs such as the Boston College Prison Education Program, Emerson Prison Initiative, and the Tufts MyTERN Program. Most recently, Aaron co-founded *Eagles Bridging the Gap*, an innovative prison education student organization on the Boston College campus.



Aaron Morin, Boston Site Director.

With firsthand lived experience and a demonstrated commitment to building opportunity for the previously incarcerated, Aaron will lead our programming to help Client Partners establish credit, gain financial stability, and pursue their self-determined goals. Welcome, Aaron. Your leadership will help our Boston site soar!

BOSTON OFFICE OF BLACK MALE ADVANCEMENT ANNOUNCES 2026 GRANTEES

Our Boston office is thrilled to announce that it has been chosen for the second year in a row to receive a Community Empowerment Grant through the City of Boston's **Office of Black Male Advancement!** In 2026, BMA is investing \$500,000 in 39 community-based organizations. Their aim is to build stronger networks to support and connect Black men and boys with vital programming and resources. As shared on their website, "These grants support organizations that are leading transformative work to improve outcomes across education, economic opportunity, health, and community safety. ... This investment will support organizations in scaling their programs, expanding their reach, and deepening their impact in the communities they serve." Thank you, BMA, for your \$5,000 grant and for believing in our mission.



NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS – FOUNTAIN FUND TO PRESENT AT NATIONAL CBA SUMMIT

The Fountain Fund is excited to share the news that the **Credit Builders Alliance** has invited our team to present at their national summit this June! Through a dynamic, facilitated conversation, our lending leaders Shantel Hopkins (Director of Lending), Sankofa Alkebu-Lan (Loan Operations Specialist), and Jeffrey Beacham (Loan Assets Specialist) will explore how credit can serve as a tool for elevation for the formerly incarcerated. The session will examine how lending systems can honor dignity while still meeting expectations around risk, sustainability, and performance, ultimately helping individuals move beyond barriers toward a future that is "cleared for takeoff."



Sankofa Alkebu-Lan (left), Jeff Beacham (right), and Shantel Hopkins are excited to share their hard-earned wisdom at this year's CBA Summit taking place June 10-12, 2026 in Arlington, Virginia.



Facilitated by Shantel in a fireside chat format, the conversation will go beyond theory to offer a transparent, real-world view of how credit building can lead to economic growth and financial stability for vulnerable populations. The session will highlight the vital importance of turning a systemic "No" into a life-changing "Yes."

BOSTON FACTS



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

100% "Have not been reincarcerated."
100% "Achieved better financial stability."
100% "Better able to take care of themselves."

TOTAL LENDING

As of February 28, 2026, Boston's total lending included 54 loans valued at \$162,608.

WE THANK OUR SUPPORTERS

Your generosity is changing lives!

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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

- "The Fountain Fund is a lifesaver. It's open arms. I get emotional when I talk about it. They're just a great, great organization."
- "One of the things I've been able to use my e-bike for is to continue my education. It's also helped me tell prospective employers, 'I can get to wherever you need me!' Thank you."

EXAMPLES OF LOANS

- Business Equipment
- Repair a vehicle
- Purchase eBikes/Scooters
- Secure Housing
- Obtain a Driver's License
- Tuition
- Court Fines & Fees



Courageous things are happening at all of our sites. Learn more!

OUR MISSION

The Fountain Fund increases economic opportunities for formerly incarcerated people to improve their lives and remain in their communities.