

# Marie Peters

Marie Peters is the Main Street Lead at Colorado Lending Source. In her current role, she underwrites and closes character-based Colorado Main Street Loans to underserved small businesses requesting \$50,000 or less. She is also responsible for managing new strategic partnerships as the organization continues to grow the Main Street program in partnership with municipalities, private sector lenders, economic developers, foundations, and local community development organizations. Previously, she has worked in various underwriting roles assisting with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) 504 Loan Program, 7(a) Loan Program and Community Advantage.

Prior to Colorado Lending Source, Marie worked with small businesses through her role as Associate State Director of the Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network, a division of the Governor's Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT). She has also spent time teaching health education in rural Tanzania and working at research think tank in Washington, DC.

Marie currently serves on the Habitat for Humanity Colorado Board of Directors. She is also the Past Board Chair of mpowered's Board of Directors, a financial literacy non-profit organization serving Colorado and has been a mentor for the Stanford Latino Entrepreneurship Initiative that is designed for Latino business leaders building highly scalable companies. She has also served on numerous boards and committees including: the Adams County Economic Development Corporation Business Retention Taskforce, the Denver Metro Small Business Development Center Board of Directors and Downtown Colorado, Inc.'s Board of Directors. When she's not underwriting or processing loans, Marie enjoys running, cycling, traveling and spending time with her family.

Originally from New Jersey, Marie attended Villanova University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics and a Bachelor of Administration in International Business. She also has an International Masters of Business Administration (IMBA) from the University of Denver, Daniels College of Business. She is a Graduate of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce Leadership Foundation's Impact Denver Leadership Program.