

Public Ledger: Comprehensive Cost-Benefit and Funding Report

Summary

This report outlines the full financial logic, funding model, and projected national impact of the **Public Ledger** lending reform initiative. All calculations and structural decisions are grounded in logic-first design principles and aligned with Public Logic's standards: **transparency, fairness, reason, and math.**

The goal: Replace exploitative private interest with a self-sustaining public system—without new taxes.

I. STRUCTURE OF THE SYSTEM

Eligible Uses: - One mortgage per household (primary residence only) - Up to two auto loans per household (non-commercial use)

Loan Terms: - Fixed 3% interest on home loans - Fixed 2% interest on auto loans - No compound penalties, junk fees, or speculative loans

Access Model: - Income-based eligibility (not credit-score restricted) - Federal ID + biometric DMV sync for fraud prevention - Group ownership structure enabled with proportional accountability

Resilience Features: - Optional deferments during job loss or hardship - Built-in rental conversion if homeowner defaults - Disaster coverage pool (0.1%–0.25%) built into monthly payments

II. LOAN PORTFOLIO + REVENUE PROJECTIONS

Target Loan Volume: - \$1 trillion (combined home + auto loans)

Expected Annual Yield: - \$30B in gross interest revenue (at 3%) - ~\$25B net after administrative costs and conservative defaults (~5%)

Surplus Use: - Reinvested into public goods: - Tuition-free community college - Mental health care - Clean water infrastructure - Housing voucher expansion

20-Year Surplus: - Estimated \$390B net public benefit—without new taxation

III. FUNDING MODEL

Startup Investment: - Initial capital requirement: \$25B - Can be raised via: - Public investment bonds - Diverted bailout/reserve allocations - Alignment with state public banks or credit unions

Operating Budget: - ~\$5-6B/year (covers underwriting, fraud prevention, loss reserves)

Self-Sustainability Timeline: - Break-even projected by Year 5-7 - From then on, surplus accrues annually

Insurance Fund Mechanics: - 0.25% of loan balance = \$2.5B/year - Used for disaster loss, housing support, climate risk adaptation

IV. COST COMPARISON (PUBLIC LEDGER VS PRIVATE MARKET)

Item	Traditional Lending	Public Ledger	Savings
Avg. Mortgage (6.5%)	\$1,896/mo	\$1,265/mo	~\$631/mo
Insurance	\$176/mo	~\$62/mo	~\$114/mo
Auto Loan (8%)	\$607/mo	\$485/mo	~\$122/mo
Total	\$2,679/mo	\$1,812/mo	\$867/mo

Annual Household Savings: ~\$10,400 per participating household

V. LOGIC-BASED AI IMPACT MODELING

In 5 Years: - Millions avoid foreclosure or predatory refi cycles - ~\$700/month avg. household savings - Disaster coverage reduces emergency aid burden

In 10 Years: - Surplus funds launch tuition-free college pilot sites - Mental health and housing stability improve - Lending becomes transparent and predictable

In 20 Years: - Lending becomes a public utility, not a private threat - Homelessness and wealth inequality measurably decline - U.S. becomes a global model for nonprofit public lending

VI. PUBLIC LOGIC FRAMING

"You're not bad with money. You're trapped in a system that profits from your survival."

Public Ledger isn't about utopia. It's about **logic applied to lending**—with guardrails, risk buffers, and fairness at the core.

- No new taxes
- No forced participation
- Just lower rates and smarter use of public capital

We already fund private bailouts. We already pay disaster premiums. The only thing we're changing is **who benefits** from the repayment.

VII. OBJECTION HANDLING

Q: Isn't this socialism?

A: No. It's insurance and math—used in the public's favor. Profit was replaced with utility.

Q: What about fraud and abuse?

A: Verified via IRS income sync + DMV biometric confirmation. Localized kiosks add redundancy.

Q: Doesn't this replace banks?

A: No. Private banks still exist for business lending, luxury purchases, and non-essential financing.

Q: How do we pay for disasters?

A: Every borrower pays 0.1%-0.25% into a shared fund—more stable than FEMA afterthoughts.

Q: What if people default?

A: Defaults are built into the model. Rental conversion and equity-sharing prevent collapse.

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