

## **Amber Kuchar-Bell**

Chief Strategy and Operations Officer

Amber Kuchar-Bell is OFN's Chief Strategy and Operations Officer and is responsible for strategic initiatives, corporate budgeting, and facilitating partnerships with major financial institutions, philanthropy, and new corporate partners.

Prior to joining OFN, Amber was the CDFI Program and NACA Program Manager at the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund). She was responsible for the design and implementation of a \$1.25 billion CDFI Rapid Response Program to help CDFIs respond to the economic hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and managed over \$200 million annually in grants and loans to over 300 organizations.

Amber was also an investment officer for the Calvert Impact Capital, where she managed a \$68 million investment portfolio of CDFIs including Native CDFIs, CDEs, and social enterprise organizations. Before joining Calvert Foundation, Amber worked at Capital Impact Partners, also a CDFI, as a commercial loan underwriter where she underwrote loans for healthcare centers, affordable housing cooperatives, and charter schools. Early in her career, Amber was Sr. Consumer Lending Loan Officer at a CDFI Credit Union, Bay Federal Credit Union. She has a Master of Public Policy from Duke University located in Durham, North Carolina, and a Bachelor of Science in International Development from the University of California Los Angeles.