STATE OF OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

In the Matter of:

USA Private Money Fund LLC, nka Flip Your Capital Fund LLC,

Respondent.

Case No. M-18-0105

Final Order to Cease and Desist and Consent to Entry of Order

The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the State of Oregon (the Director) conducted an investigation of USA Private Money Fund LLC, nka Flip Your Capital Fund LLC (USA) and determined that USA engaged in activities constituting violations of ORS 86A.100 et seq. and OAR 441-850-0005 through 441-885-0010 (collectively cited as the Oregon Mortgage Lender Laws).

USA wishes to resolve and settle this matter with the Director. As evidenced by the authorized signature subscribed on this order, USA consents to entry of this order upon the Director's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as stated below.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Director finds that:

- 1. At all times material to this order, USA conducted business at 4135 South Power Road, #115, Mesa AZ. USA was registered with the Arizona Corporation Commission eCorp with a domestic address of 1846 E Innovation DR STE 100, Oro Valley, AZ. USA was organized in the State of Wyoming and listed 412 N Main Street, #100, Buffalo, WY as its principal address.
- 2. At all times material, USA have never been registered with the State of Oregon to do business in Oregon.

- 3. At all times material, USA has never obtained a mortgage license to engage in mortgage activities in Oregon nor have they ever been licensed in the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System (NMLS).
- 4. On or about June 25, 2016, USA entered into a Broker Registration Agreement with a company that was licensed to engage in mortgage lending activities in Oregon. The terms of the agreement stated that USA would receive a referral fee for referring clients to the other company. USA was designated as the Broker in the Agreement and the other company was designated as the Lender.
- 5. During a routine examination of the Lender, an examiner for the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation (DFR) discovered that USA had brokered two residential mortgage loans in Oregon.
- 6. One of the properties in question was located in Hillsboro, Oregon (the Hillsboro property). The loan application listed USA as the broker and stated that USA had received \$2,170 as a Broker Origination Fee for the Hillsboro property transaction.
- 7. DFR received a copy of Invoice No. 1029, prepared by USA and dated May 15, 2017, for the \$2,170 Broker Origination Fee for the Hillsboro property. The Broker Origination Fee paid to USA was also listed on the ALTA Settlement Statement. USA was also listed as the broker on the Loan Summary documents for the Hillsboro property.
- 8. The other property in question was located in Portland, Oregon (the Portland property). The loan application for this property listed USA as the Broker and stated that USA had received \$1,945 as a Broker Origination Fee. The Broker Origination Fee paid to USA was listed on the ALTA Settlement Statement. USA was listed as the Broker on the Loan Summary documents for the Portland property.
- 9. At all times material to this order, USA had an active website that included a blank Consulting Fee Agreement that described the scope of the services provided by USA. Those services included: providing a loan analysis to the client; assisting the client in structuring the

loan; discussing loan options with the client; collecting items from the client for a loan package; processing the client's loan application in preparation for submission to the lender; marketing the loan pack to potential lenders; assisting in loan negotiation for the client, including negotiating on the clients behalf with title companies; and assisting the client with the closing process.

- 10. The Consulting Fee Agreement stated that an up-front fee of \$1,000 would be charged for document collection, pre-approval and securing a loan for the client.
- 11. The Consulting Fee Agreement contained a section on licensing that gave the impression that USA had all necessary licenses to perform the services they offered when in fact they were not licensed in Oregon.
- 12. USA's website listed services provided by USA as both a Broker and a Lender. The services included statements that USA offered state specific loan documents and that they were lending and Securities law compliant. Included on the website were pictures of properties purported to be from various states that USA had assisted the borrower in obtaining funding with a projected profit on the project.
- 13. The combined information on the website would give potential borrowers the impression that USA was compliant with all state laws and that USA was licensed to conduct business in all states when in fact that was not true and was misleading.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Director concludes that:

- 1. USA acted as a mortgage broker under ORS 86A.100(5)(a)(C) when USA, for compensation, or in the expectation of compensation, either directly or indirectly made, negotiated, or offered to make or negotiate a mortgage loan for two residential properties located in Oregon.
- 2. USA violated 86A.103(1) by engaging in two residential mortgage transactions in Oregon without first obtaining a license as a mortgage broker in Oregon.

- 3. USA engaged in "residential mortgage transactions in this state" under ORS 86A.103(2) by acting as a mortgage broker when USA offered to negotiate the terms and conditions of two residential mortgage loans secured by property located in Oregon.
- 4. USA published an advertisement that contained false, misleading, or deceptive statements or representations when they published information on their website that would lead potential borrowers to believe that USA was compliant with state licensing laws when they were not licensed as a mortgage broker in Oregon, in violation of ORS 86A.163(1).

ORDERS

- 1. The Director, pursuant to ORS 86A.127, hereby orders USA to Cease and Desist from violating Oregon's Mortgage Lender Law.
- 2. The Director, pursuant to ORS 86A.992, may assess a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per violation against any person who violates or who procures, aids or abets in the violation of any provision of ORS 86A.095 to 86A.198 or any rule or order issued under ORS 86A.124 or 86A.242.
- 3. The Director, pursuant to ORS 86A.992(2), hereby orders USA to pay a total civil penalty of \$10,000 as follows:
 - a. A civil penalty of \$8,000 (\$4,000 per violation) for 2 violations of ORS 86A.103(2); and
 - b. A civil penalty of \$2,000 for one violation of ORS 86A.163(1).
- 4. However, the Division will suspend \$5,000 of the civil penalty of as long as USA does not violate any provision of this Order. If USA is found to have committed any such violation within a three-year period from the date of this Order, then the suspended portion of the assessed civil penalty will become immediately due and payable. If USA does not violate the conditions of this Order within the three-year period, the suspended portion of the civil penalty will be waived at the end of the three-year period.

1	5. Respondent shall post on its website and keep posted on its website that mortgage
2	loans in Oregon are not available from Respondent so long as Respondent remains unlicensed
3	in Oregon.
4	6. USA shall pay \$1,000 per month beginning on the 1 st day of the month following
5	the execution of this Order and continue to be due on the same day each month thereafter until
6	the full amount of the \$5,000 has been paid. In no event shall the total amount paid be less
7	than \$5,000.
8	Dated this 6th day of March, 2019.
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10	CAMERON C. SMITH, Director Department of Consumer and Business Services
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12	/S/Dorothy Bean
13	Dorothy Bean, Chief of Enforcement Division of Financial Regulation
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ENTITY CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

I, Scott Brown state that I am an officer of USA and I am authorized to act on its behalf. I have read the foregoing order and I know and fully understand the contents hereof. I have been advised of the right to a hearing and of the right to be represented by counsel in this matter and have been represented by Jason Powell of Cara Stone, LLP. USA voluntarily and without any force or duress consents to the entry of this Order expressly waiving any right to a hearing in this matter. USA understands that the Director reserves the right to take further actions to enforce this Order or to take appropriate action upon discovery of other violations of the Oregon Mortgage Lender Law. USA will fully comply with the terms and conditions stated herein.

USA further assures the Director that neither USA nor its officers, directors, employees, or agents will effect mortgage transactions in Oregon unless such activities are in full compliance with the Oregon Mortgage Lender Law. USA understands that this consent order is a public document.

By	/S/Scott Brown	Managing Member
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of	Arizona)
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County of	Maricopa	

This instrument was acknowledged before me on March 4th , 2019 by Scott Brown .

/S/Derik L. Dalby Notary Public