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# Home Equity Loan

Turn your home's equity into cash this spring and pay for:

- Home improvements
- ◆ New car
- Swimming pool
- College tuition
- Or anything you choose!

Whatever your plans, you'll enjoy a low 3.99% APR for the first 6 months on a fixed Home Equity Loan from your Credit Union.



**April 2008** 



# Visit your local FIGFCU branch or call **800.877.2345** to apply. Hurry! This offer won't last long.

\*APR = Annual Percentage Rate. All loans and rates are subject to credit approval. Discount rate applies to new fixed rate home equity loans only at 90% LTV or less. Owner-occupied residences only. After 180 days, the rate will convert to the current FIGFCU Home Equity Loan rate based on the qualification criteria of the original application. FIGFCU Home Equity Loans are only available in AZ, AR, CA, CO, ID, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, NV, NM, OH, OK, OR, TN, UT, WA, and WI. Offer expires June 30, 2008.

# **Dell Computer Discounts**

Is it time to upgrade your office equipment? As a member of Farmers Insurance Group Federal Credit Union, you can save up to 12% on new Dell computers and hardware. You can choose a system that has been preconfigured for your agency or customize a system that works best for you!

Visit www.figfcu.com and click on "Member Benefits," then "Dell Discount" to start shopping.

Let FIGFCU finance your computer purchase and get a low monthly payment. Borrow up to \$2,500 with terms up to 30 months.



### What would your monthly payment be?

Purchase Amount	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500
MONTHLY PAYMENT AS LOW AS**	\$56	\$75	\$93

\*APR = Annual Percentage Rate. Rate based on an 18 month term and credit worthiness. Rate is current as of 03/31/08 and subject to change at anytime. \*\*Sample payments are rounded to the nearest dollar and are based on 9% APR and 30 month term. Other rates and terms are available. Rate is current as of 03/31/08 and subject to change.

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# **President's**View

It would appear that we are in the midst of about as turbulent economic times as we've had to endure for many, many years. The stock market has pretty well battered and bruised many investors, and yes, I know that many of you are among that dubiously honored group. Our members tend to be more savvy than many banking companies' customers and do a nice job of diversifying investments and risk. But with the ups come the downs. Not all our members are as conservative as I am! That may well be a good thing. But now we have turbulence, uncertainty, foreclosures and loan losses, fear of recession, and eroded consumer confidence. I could list others.

But in almost any dark cloud of "doom," there is a silver lining. And if it's not there, what are you going to do about creating it? After all, we are far from helpless. That is, what is the wellspring of your financial hopes, and where will your future economic strength come from? First, as real estate prices and interest rates have dropped, we can readily see an inverse correlation in the ability of first-time homebuyers to enter the market! Now, I'm glad to see that! The Credit Union will be able to do more loans, more hard-working young people will be able to fulfill the dream of home ownership, and as entry-level buyers, they will support the residential construction (and eventual price appreciation) and sales pyramid. And a more solid pyramid it will be, too, when more people can afford to finally become homeowners. Without that bottom tier of the pyramid supporting, and pushing ever upward, the values on the top end have no place to go except down, or at best, to stagnate. The bubble that was continuous home price appreciation would appear to have

been popped once again in many major markets around the country. Not an entirely bad thing, but it does require that we take a long-term view of things, for a change. And I think that's a good thing. Certainly, Farmers makes its economic gains via long-term business cycles; if there's a terrible natural disaster one year, there probably won't be another one for a few more years. (Knock on wood!)

The long-term view: we want to be your financial partner for life. What do partners do? They build up each other's positions, whether it be in personal or business matters. They both benefit; one doesn't try to "get to" the other. To the contrary, they seek to help each other grow stronger. How many retailers have it as their mission to help you improve your financial lot in life? Not Wal-Mart, not Nordstrom, and certainly not your local car dealer or international car manufacturer! Why do most consumers hate the car buying process more than any other personal financial decision? Because too many car salespeople are only too happy to sell a vehicle at the highest possible price! And they will go home feeling great about it! We just won't do that. We will give you the best values we can, while still building our reserves prudently to be able to deal with future economic uncertainties. What's our greatest fear now? Real estate loan losses and the cascading effect they would have on consumer loans. However, so far, so good. We've only taken one big loss recently on a second mortgage loan. And believe me, when that member caused us to eat that loan, it really hurt the other 42,000 others. In more ways than one, too.

So, if more people have been unwilling or unable to borrow to buy or fix up homes, then what is happening? Well,



to some extent, economic activity slows down. But for the approximate 95% of us who want to work and are, we still have discretionary income, don't we? Are you saving more, or are you paying down your debts faster? Or a combination of both? Either way, these actions are strengthening our economy monthly. Sounds like a contradiction to what I just said, doesn't it? But think about it, if you are paying down debts and/or building savings, you're getting financially stronger, aren't you? Well, the same thing happens on a macroeconomic level, and pretty soon, people have built up their own consumer confidence! Don't wait for "the economy" to build you back up. Figure out how to do it yourself. We can help you get on that path to successful budgeting. Please tell your family members and work associates about how we've helped you improve your financial condition. The partnership will come back pleasantly for you in the future.

Mark Herter
President/CEO

#### **HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

Memorial Day Monday, May 26, 2008

Independence Day Friday, July 4, 2008

# **Support the MARCH OF DIMES!**



#### **Use Your Visa Check Card**

For every purchase you make with your Visa Check Card between now and April 30, 1% of the amount will be donated to the March of Dimes! Simply choose "credit" and sign for your purchases.

Don't have a Visa Check Card? Visit your local branch or call us at **800.877.2345** to order one.

#### **Open a Checking Account**

Open any FIGFCU checking account before April 30 and we'll donate \$5 to the March of Dimes on your behalf. To learn more about our checking accounts, visit us online at **www.figfcu.com** or contact your local branch.

\*FIGFCU will donate \$5 for every new checking account and 1% of every Visa Check Card signature-based transaction between 3/15/08 and 4/30/08, up to \$22,000.



# New Online Banking Login

We're making it easier to log into **PC-TIED** online banking.

Your Credit Union is committed to protecting your account information, but we also know that convenience is important to you. So we're combining the best of both with a new login system for **PC-TIED** online banking.

In the coming weeks, you'll find that it's easier to log into PC-TIED and manage your accounts online with the same level of security you've come to expect from your Credit Union. And with the new security features, you'll be able to register multiple computers so you can login faster from home, work or anywhere else you regularly use a computer for online banking.

Look for the new PC-TIED login coming soon!

## **Manage Your Accounts 24/7**

**PC-TIED** online banking makes it simple to manage all of your FIGFCU accounts, including loans, from your home or office.

#### **Get Information**

Check balances, account history, cleared checks and more. Even open a new account.

#### **Pay Bills**

Set up recurring bills or one-time payments.

#### **Get eStatements**

Sign up for eStatements and review, print, or save your month-end or credit card statements from **PC-TIED**. Plus, eStatements are faster and more secure than paper statements.

#### **Transfer Money Anywhere**

Transfer money between your FIGFCU account and accounts at any other financial institution with *CU Money Mover*. Sign up now and you'll be ready to transfer funds whenever you choose.

#### **Set Up Alerts**

Sign up for *CU Alerts* and get an email notice when your balance falls below a specified amount, your paycheck is directly deposited and more.

Simply visit **www.figfcu.com** and log into **PC-TIED** online banking to start using these time-saving services.

Never used **PC-TIED**? Call us at **800.877.2345**, option **7** to get started.

# COMPARE OUR RATES

#### **AUTO**

**Fixed Rates** 

% Financed	Term	<b>NEW</b> (APR as low as*)	<b>USED</b> (APR as low as*)
80%	36 mo.	4.12%	4.37%
	60 mo.	4.37%	4.62%
	72 mo.	4.56%	4.81%
90%	60 mo.	4.37%	4.62%
	36 mo.	4.62%	4.87%
	72 mo.	4.81%	5.06%
100%	36 mo.	4.62%	4.87%
	60 mo.	4.87%	5.12%
	72 mo.	5.06%	5.31%

#### **HOME EQUITY\*\***

Terms up to 240 months

% Financed	Fixed Rate (APR as low a	
80% or less	3.99%†	First 6 month
81-90%	3.99%†	offer
91-100%	8.99%	

#### **HOME EQUITY LINE OF CREDIT\*\***

% Financed	Variable Rate (APR as low as*)
80%	6.99%
90%	7.99%
100%	8.99%

#### **MORTGAGE LOANS**

Please call **800.877.2345** ext. 677 for the most current mortgage rates.

- \*APR = Annual Percentage Rate. Rates listed are current as of 3/31/08 and are subject to change without notice. Rates listed are FIGFCU's preferred rates based on applicant's creditworthiness and Direct Deposit discount of .25%, if applicable.
- †After 180 days, the rate will convert to the current FIGFCU Home Equity Loan rate based on the qualification criteria of the original application. Other rates and terms are available.
- \*\*Rates shown are for Owner Occupied. Home Equity Loans and Lines of Credit are available in AZ, AR, CA, CO, ID, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, NV, NM, OH, OK, OR, TN, UT, WA, and WI.



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1 Prices valid 3/15/08 - 4/30/08 and do not include tax, title, tags, document processing fees of \$149 or less as required by state law, governmental fees, any emissions testing charges, and any finance charges (if applicable). Picture is representative of vehicle available. Used vehicles previously part of Enterprise short-term rental and lease fleet or purchase by Enterprise from other sources including auto auctions, with previous use possibly short term rental, lease or other. 2 Payment based on \$15,299 financed for 60 month term at 4.87% (rate includes a Direct Deposit discount of .25%). Down payment of \$1,700 or 10% required. For qualified buyers only. Nor all buyers will qualify. APR, loan amount and approval based upon the applicant's credit history, payment history, and ability to repay the loan. Offer valid only on Enterprise Car Sales wehicles purchased between 3/15/08 - 4/30/08. Rates subject to change. Example: \$15,299 financed with \$1,700 down payment for 60 months at 4.87% will have monthly payments of approximately \$290.3 7-Day Repurchase Agreement, 12/12 Limited Powertial Warranty and Enterprise Roadside Assistance are subject to certain restrictions. See Enterprise Car Sales Manager for details. The "c" logo, Enterprise, and "Haggle-free buying, Worry-free ownership." are trademarks of the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners. © 2008 Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company.

# **Thinking About Buying Your Own Building?**

Your Credit Union can help you with a Commercial Real Estate Loan.

Buying a new office space can have a positive impact on your business. And your Credit Union has a program that may fit your needs with competitive rates.

- No prepayment penalties
- ♦ Terms up to 25 years
- ◆ \$500 cash back at closing (Limited time offer)

Get started on your Commercial Real Estate Loan at FIGFCU. Call your Credit Union at **800.877.2345** and ask to speak to Rhonda Ellison at ext. 414 or Leonard Lee at ext. 413.

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