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Coastal Community Bank files new application for approval



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Coastal Community Bank filed a new application for approval with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. after it failed to raise its initial \$23 million capital target.

The bank, which would be the first community bank to launch in South Florida in nearly a decade, was originally approved by the FDIC in 2018.

Bank CEO [Joe Dorsey](#) said the institution was required to submit an updated application with a lower capital target that must again be approved by the FDIC.

"We've raised most of what we need - we were a few million short of our original goal," Dorsey said. "The regulators indicated the application would receive a faster-turn around since our previous application was already vetted and approved.

The FDIC's 2018 approval order said Coastal Community Bank must raise at least \$22 million, an amount proposed by the bank, before it could open. He said he could not reveal the bank's revised capital target until the new application is authorized.

Dorsey said he expects the application, submitted July 5, to be approved in less than 90 days. He said he hopes Coastal Community Bank will open in October.

If opened, Coastal Community Bank's flagship branch will be based at 4601 Sheridan St. in Hollywood.

In addition to Dorsey, the bank will be led by COO [Jim Afflerback](#) and CFO [Anthony Fabiano](#). They previously worked at Community Bank of Broward, Regent Bank and Stonegate Bank, respectively. The three Broward County banks have since been acquired.

A series of mergers and acquisitions have severely reduced the ranks of South Florida-based community banks. There are currently 35 banks headquartered in the tri-county area, down from 77 in 2010.

Broward Bank of Commerce, founded in 2009, was the last community bank to open in the region. But control of the bank didn't stay in Broward for long: The bank's parent company, Broward Financial Holdings, was acquired by Arkansas-based Home BancShares in 2014.

Dorsey said the wave of bank closures is evidence that Broward residents and businesses need a new, locally based bank in the area. Coastal, he said, will stand out from smaller competitors by offering a range of modern services consumers have come to expect from their financial institutions, such as mobile banking, remote check deposits and person-to-person money transfers.

"There's only a handful of local banks left," he said. "We think Coastal could be the county's premiere bank within a couple of years."