

# Executive Summary



*Purse for the People*

## Opportunity

### Problem

Fashion is the second most polluting industry on the planet. Fashion conscious women find few nontoxic alternatives when shopping in today's market. Demand is growing for earth healthy fashion alternatives.

### Solution

1. We use mass customization, only manufacturing what customers purchase. This means we conserve inputs and have zero overproduction.
2. We use natural organic materials such as organic hand woven or recycled textiles, rattan, bamban, seagrass, and plant based eco-leather.
3. We use 3D modeling and focus group testing so we can determine our customer's response to new designs prior to putting them into production.

### Market

Online apparel and accessories purchases have grown 17% since 2007 and comprise the second-largest share of retail eCommerce sales behind computers and consumer electronics. As online sales grow stronger each year, growth in smartphone and tablet adoption has been significantly responsible for fueling that growth. It is estimated that more than one-third of American adults now own a tablet, and more than 80% will own a smartphone by the end of

2016. New Moon Clothing will target web-savvy online shoppers who are predominantly females who tend to desire a more personalized shopping experience and custom product. Any consumer in the U.S. with a smartphone, tablet, or computer will be a potential customer. Capturing 1% of online bag sales will result in sales of \$4.8 million.

## Competition

Current competition in the online custom bag sector includes Laudi Vidni, Toteteca and 1 Atelier. Our niche and definitive feature is that the materials are eco-friendly fibers, allowing us to produce some of the eco-friendliest products available in the custom handbags segment today.

## Why Us?

### Competitive Edge

- Niche focused on sustainability and Eco-friendly material
- Capitalizes on consumers' desire for customization
- Crowdsourcing platform allows customers to draw inspiration from others
- Comprehensive array of product customization and design options
- Building online community and utilizing customer content
- Eco-lux, personalized, brand identity leads to desirability

## Expectations

### Financing Needed

We are seeking up to \$500,000 in investor capital to fund and launch our customization feature; to outsource manufacturing in the USA; and to build our own in-house manufacturing facilities in Butte, Montana.

We plan to use the funds as follows.

Use of Funds	Allocation
<u>Inventory</u> : Purchase textiles, leather, rattan, hardware and all parts or components necessary to manufacture bags. This does not include equipment. (manufacturing is outsourced)	\$50,000.00
<b>Total Minimum Raise</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<b>Additional Funds</b>	

<u>Software Development</u> : Utilizing our service provider, adding shopping cart, inventory control and updating graphics to configurator ("Design Your Own" software on our website)	\$35,000.00
<u>Signature Textile</u> : Development of trademarked eco-textile (cotton, hemp, linen) designs. Contracting with designers and prototyping samples for manufactures.	\$10,000.00
<u>Sourcing</u> : Fees to local agents and international travel to further secure certified fair-trade and sustainable materials and components	\$15,000.00
<u>Sample Production</u> : Development of additional patterns, and samples necessary for manufacturing each new style	\$25,000.00
<u>Equipment</u> : Computers, industrial sewing machines, and laser cutting machine for in-house design studio for prototype development	\$32,000.00
<u>Marketing</u> : Professional management of marketing plan, social media accounts and advertisement	\$33,000.00
<u>Training</u> : In preparation for in-house manufacturing, hiring and training 3 values-aligned team members, capable of replicating quality production of entire line of handbags. for 3 months.	\$37,000
<u>Facilities</u> : Purchase commercial space in preparation for in-house manufacturing	\$225,000
<u>Equipment and Improvements</u> : Build our local manufacturing space with necessary equipment and facilities.	\$38,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

## Target Market

### Overall Demand

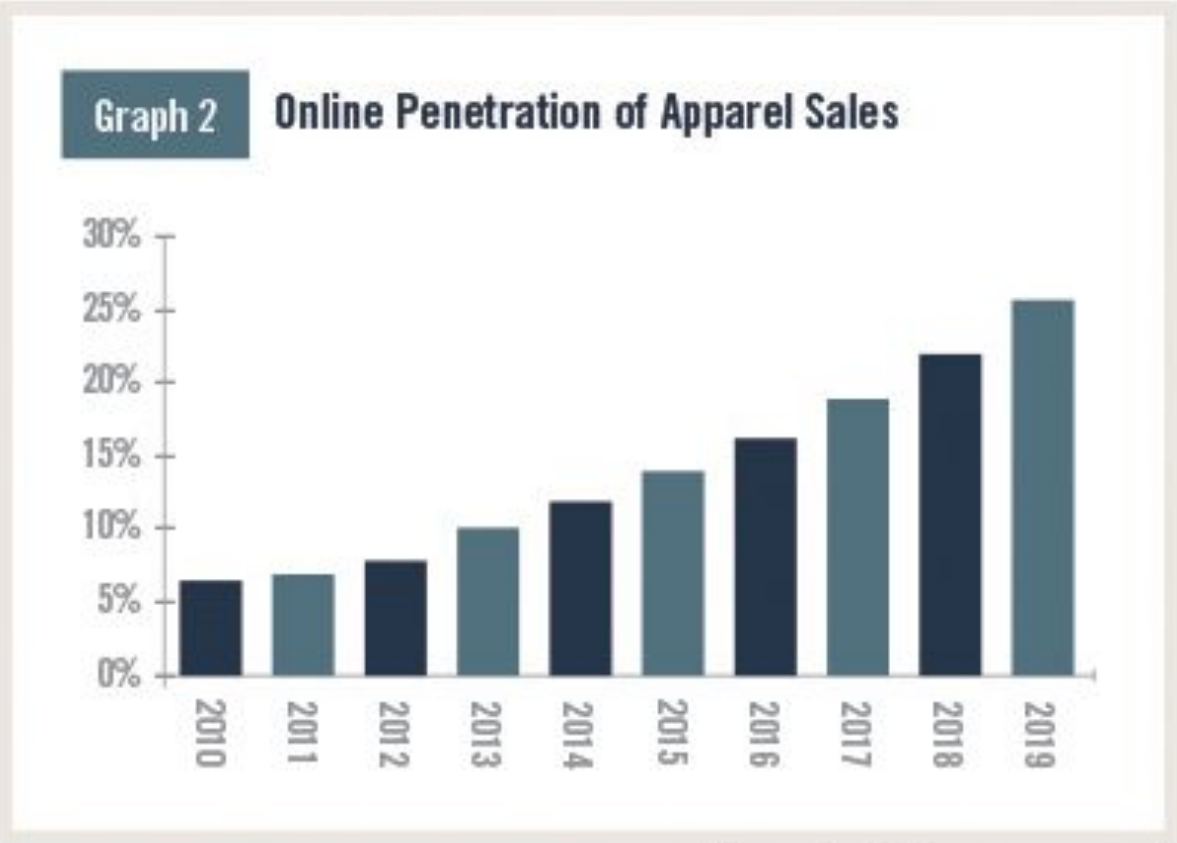
**Eco-fashionistas, ages 25-45 with incomes over \$75K who love to shop online.**

Total annual handbag sales in US markets are \$11 billion with approximately 20% of women spending more than \$200 per bag, and 8% spending more than \$400 according to market

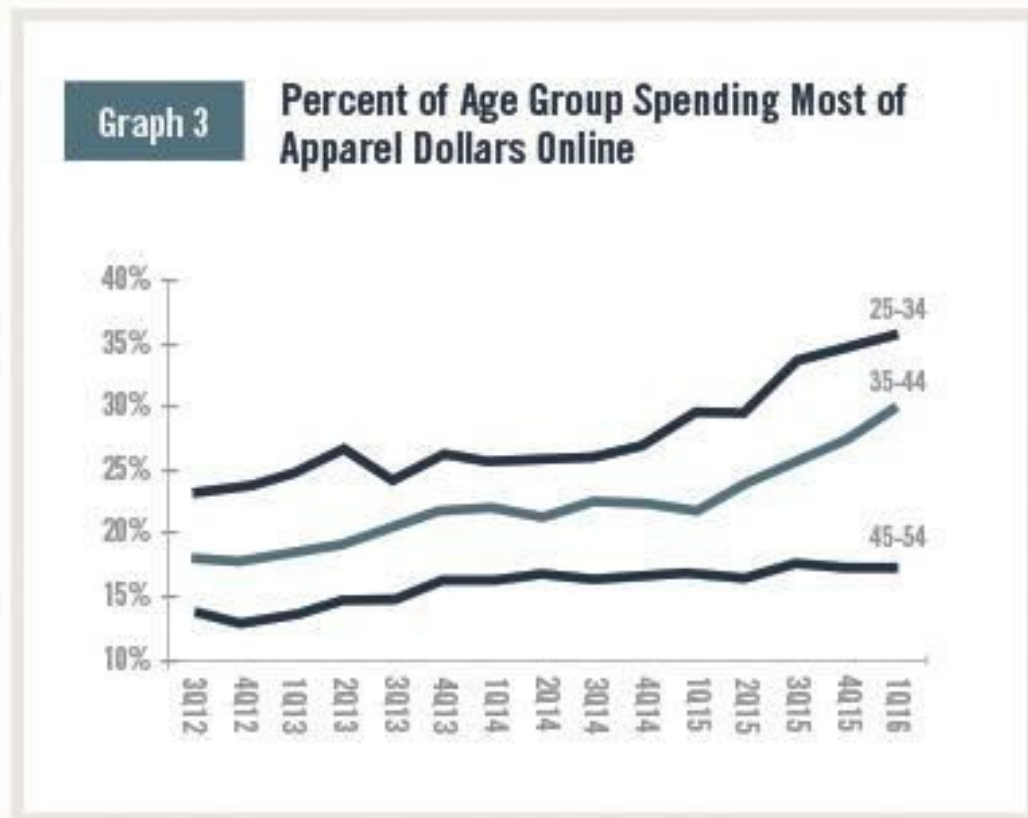
research company NPD Group. It is also expected that online bag sales will be at roughly 27% of all sales by 2021.

The market value of bags over \$200 is 2.2 billion.

We are therefore projecting there will be over \$505 million in online sales of bags over \$200 (luxury bags) by 2021.



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research



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Most of the growth in online apparel purchases are within the 25-44 age group. Numerous studies done in the past few years have confirmed that upwards of 65-70 percent of consumers under 35 around the world report that they will choose brands or retailers based on their ethical practices.

Brands and retailers are taking this responsibility seriously, encouraged by younger consumers who, it turns out, are more conscious than any generation before them of the origins, composition, carbon footprint, and other consequences of what they purchase and wear.

## Execution

### Marketing & Sales

#### Marketing Plan

Utilizing a variety of online advertising channels, New Moon Clothing will promote the merits of its mass customization model and Eco-friendly appeal to the consumer market. The bulk of its efforts will hinge on developing awareness among users through internet advertising, social

media, viral marketing utilizing customer content, and search engine optimization of its ecommerce website. In addition, the Company will benefit from attending “green” fairs and events that attract our customer segment. New and media appearances will be added to increase brand awareness. New Moon Clothing will work with a marketing partner to help establish its brand and identify its position as a refreshing example of how the customization model is fun, eco-friendly and a more sustainable alternative to traditional handbag and apparel companies. Our primary customers are computer savvy millennial women with an interest in Eco-fashion shopping and a secondary of those seeking made in the USA products.

#gratitude4thegoddess was launched in Feb. of 2018. This is a tribe building, list building website designed to appeal to our market segment and customer niche. It features: 1. Goddess on the Rise Search with prize package. The winner is selected by public vote insuring maximum engagement. 2. Free Goddess Cards that women can send to each other with uplifting words of encouragement.

## **Sales Plan**

1. #gratitude4thegoddess: This site will be used to gain followers on social media and grow our email list through building relationships with millennial women
2. Women will be attracted to our ecommerce via our marketing efforts where they will design their bag and select the style options, colors and materials that reflect their own personal style.
3. If women do not want to design their own bags, they will also be given the option of using someone else's design from the crowdsourcing platform. Anyone who has made a purchase will have the option of posting their design to the design gallery for other women to use as their own in exchange for discounts and points towards another purchase.

All of this will be accomplished online via our ecommerce website [www.purseforthepeople.com](http://www.purseforthepeople.com).

## **Operations**

### **Locations & Facilities**

We are located in Butte, Montana from at the home office of the founder, Carole Murphy. All sales activities currently take place online.

We plan to outsource our manufacturing in phase I, which is currently based in Boise, Idaho. If we meet our overshoot funding goals on Crowdfund Mainstreet, we will begin to build our own manufacturing locally in Butte, Montana immediately.

## **Technology**

The most important technologies are as follows:

1. Ecommerce Website <https://purseforthepeople.com/>
2. Configurator : <https://purseforthepeople.com/designed-by-you/>
3. Social Media and Management
4. Lead Generating and List Building: <https://www.gratitude4thegoddess.com>
5. 3D bag design and testing (Survey Monkey) using Fusion 360 (Autodesk).

## **Equipment & Tools**

Using outsourcing of manufacturing, we will have minimal needs for equipment initially.

Computers and Software

Office Supplies

Laser Cutter (custom images engraved onto rattan)

## **Milestones & Metrics**

### **To Date**

Configurator/ Customization Software Beta Testing

Eco-Materials Sourced

Manufacturer Established in USA (Outsourced)

Virtual Focus Group Response to New Bag Designs

Social Media Following Growth Prior to Launch

#Gratitude4TheGoddess Launch

## **Key Metrics Future**

Crowdfunding Campaign Reaches \$50,000

Add Shopping Cart to Configurator (woocommerce)

Update New Style Graphics in Configurator

Purchase Components for Manufacturing Bags

Sales of Bags Upon Launch of Customization and Manufacturing Meet Projections

Build Local Manufacturing in Butte Montana

## **Company**

### **Overview of Ownership & Structure**

Purse for the People is a trademarked product of New Moon Clothing, Inc., a Montana Benefit Corporation and a start-up online business bringing a sustainable mass customization production model that facilitates custom designed handbags for ecommerce consumers nationwide. The company is currently majority owned by its founder and has an exclusive website at <http://purseforthepeople.com/>. It currently offers non-customized Eco-friendly handbags for sale at this site. We have Beta launched our customization feature software testing customer's response to designing a one-of-a-kind custom handbag online by selecting body style, liner fabric, leather style, handle style, leather color, and other design elements. After a testing phase of this custom design software, we will launch our customized handbags sales.

### **Company History**

2015 Incorporated

2015 Indiegogo Campaign and Launch

2015 Podcast Heart Stock Radio Launched

2016 Website Completed

2017 Design Your Own Software Completed

2017 Sourcing Partners Acquired



2018 Manufacturing Partner Acquired

2018 #gratitude4thegoddess Campaign Launched

2018 Became Benefit Corporation

## **Team**

### **Management Team**

Carole Murphy: Founder <https://www.linkedin.com/in/carolemurphydds/>

Blake Nicolazzo: Marketing <https://www.linkedin.com/in/blake-nicolazzo-0721652/>

Kevin Cook: 3D Design and Fusion 360 Expert  
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Jen and Leo Priggy: Accounting <http://www.priggeotten.com/>

Lynnette Bushman: Sourcing <https://www.ljsourcing.com>

Kimberly Catlett: Manufacturing <http://www.bellamodi.com/>

Jenny Kassan : <http://www.jennykassan.com/>

### **Advisors**

Montana Manufacturing Extension: <http://www.montana.edu/mmec/>

SBDC: <http://sbdc.mt.gov/>

Head Waters: <https://www.headwatersrcd.org/>

Butte Local Development Corporation: <http://www.blde.net/>

Autodesk: <https://www.autodesk.com/>

Clark Grant : <http://www.butteamericaradio.org/>

