FAQ

Can I still travel if I have a credit union?
Yes! Many credit unions participate in shared branching so you can visit another credit union as you would your own. International travel is no problem. Most banks and credit unions offer online banking services including depositing and sending checks. Best of all, most credit unions don’t charge an ATM fee.

Will I still be able to get the same rewards and interest?
Yep! Many credit unions and local banks have competitive rates and rewards programs.

What if I have multiple people on my account at a corporate bank?
No Problem. Most credit unions and local banks allow multiple names on each account. Be sure to ask about any limitations of your new banking institution.

What’s the difference between credit unions, local banks, and corporate banks any way?
Credit unions are “not-for-profit organizations that exist to serve their members rather than to maximize corporate profits.” Local banks often invest money in their communities, not fossil fuels. Corporate banks often funnel money out of local communities for corporate profits.

Ok, you’ve convinced me...where should I start my search for credit unions and banks?
Check out these three websites for reviews of banks all over the country:
http://banklocal.info/
https://swich.to/businesses
http://www.defunddapl.org/alternatives

Make it count!

3 Steps to have the biggest impact:

1) Send a letter to your bank explaining why you are moving your money. Use the template enclosed!

3) Take a picture of yourself outside your old bank and post it on social media to encourage others. Include these hashtags: #NoDAPL #WaterIsLife #DefundDAPL.

4) Add your total amount withdrawn to the withdrawal tracker: http://www.defunddapl.org/defund

Alternatives to Corporate Banks:

Albina Bank
Included in national list of banks that don’t fund fossil fuel projects.
6 Portland Locations

Credit Unions in Portland:
These institutions offer very comparable services to banks including many ATMs, personal checking, business checking, check deposit via smartphone, home loans, 401k and more.

Some employers & unions have credit unions including Fred Meyer, IBEW and more.

OnPoint Credit Union - 23 branch locations across Oregon

Rivermark - 8 branches across Oregon, most in Portland

Unitus - Highly rated on Credio

And many more! Check out: culookup.com/