

CASE STUDY

Enhancing member lives with fair, inclusive, and transparent credit decisioning



About the Client: Heritage Financial Credit Union

Heritage Financial Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial institution that was started in 1940 with a vision of expanding financial access to the underbanked in and around the Hudson Valley Communities. Heritage FCU offers both banking and lending services, offering a wide portfolio of home lending, auto loans, personal loans, credit cards, and overdraft lines of credit.

Background: Challenges with existing lending processes

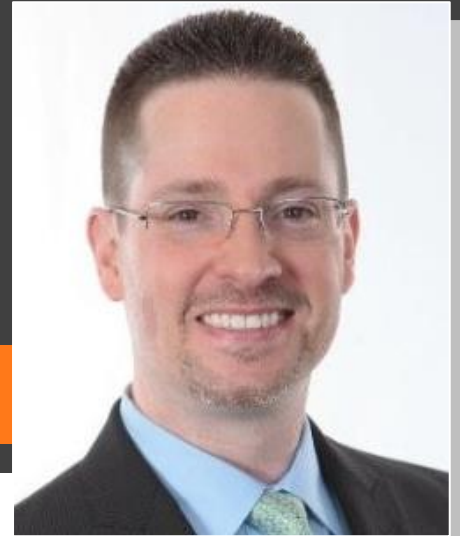
Heritage FCU's primary objectives were to grow member loans and offer better, tailored financial services to its members. At the same time, their focus was also on improving the member experience through greater personalization and instant loan decisioning. They wanted to move beyond reliance on traditional scoring methods for loan decisioning, and leverage innovation to improve quality, speed, and ease of access to loans.

- Heritage FCU was processing an average of 2000+ loan applications every month
- Their existing decisioning was semi-automated with many manual touchpoints
- Credit decisions were based on simple rules with heavy reliance on bureau scores
- Heritage FCU was using **Temenos LOS** and wanted a seamless integrability experience with their existing loan processing setup

"Faster & increased access to loans..."

"The deployment of Scienaptic's AI-powered credit decision platform, is enabling us to provide a more personalized experience for our members and provide them with faster and increased access to loans. Their AI-powered technology's advanced insights will assist us in providing more loans and increase growth opportunities for our communities."

Michael Cirelio *President and CEO, Heritage Financial CU*



How Scienaptic AI helped

Scienaptic's intelligent decisioning cloud, driven by alternate data and AI-based lending models, enabled loan applications to be processed in real-time. The entire decisioning process was completely automated resulting in instant decisioning and a smoother member experience. Scienaptic's smart AI signals ensured that more members could be approved for loans in a transparent, inclusive manner.

The **key takeaways** from the deployment were:

- Shorter credit decisioning cycles driven by automated, adaptive AI underwriting
- Seamless integration with existing **Temenos LOS**
- Explainable, compliant adverse action reasoning embedded within the platform
- Self-learning AI adapted to Heritage FCU's unique portfolio requirements
- Self-learning feedback loop enabling platform to learn from actual performance and continually enhance decisioning algorithms

Impact



25%

increase in auto-approvals
for auto loans



35%

increase in approvals
for unsecured loans

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