

NewStar Financial, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
March 20, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The**

**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**March 20, 2012**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

**NewStar Financial, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**500 Boylston Street, Suite 1250, Boston, MA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
**(617) 848-2500**

**02116**  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

On March 20, 2012, NewStar Financial, Inc. (the Company) borrowed the remaining \$37,400,000 available for borrowing under the term loan facility it has with Fortress Credit Corp. As previously reported in the Company's Form 8-K filed on January 31, 2012, the size of the term loan facility was increased to \$100,000,000 in connection with an amendment entered into on January 27, 2012. After giving effect to this borrowing, the term loan facility has been fully funded and the Company's outstanding balance was \$100,000,000 as of March 20, 2012.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**NEWSTAR FINANCIAL, INC.**

Date: March 20, 2012

By: /s/ JOHN KIRBY BRAY  
**John Kirby Bray**  
**Chief Financial Officer**