our Mission
To accelerate community prosperity by financing and supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses in Colorado.

our History
Founded in 1976 in Colorado as a nonprofit lending source for small businesses that are unable to obtain traditional bank financing.

strategic Goals
Foster economic development by:
• Stimulating small business ownership
• Nurturing viable business models
• Creating and retaining local jobs
• Promoting opportunities for small business training and growth
• Revitalizing neighborhood commerce and industry through partnerships

structure & Size
• 501 c(3) nonprofit corporation
• Certified CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution) by US Department of Treasury
• Nationally AERIS rated
• 18 staff members
• $26 million in total assets
• $9 million in loans disbursed annually
• 200+ new loans closed annually
• 550+ loans managed currently

target Market
• Small businesses lacking access to loan capital to start or grow
• Viable small businesses competing in the mainstream economy
• Businesses with fewer than 50 employees
• Businesses that are expanding operations
• Economically disadvantaged entrepreneurs

products & Services
• Loans up to $500,000 for eligible startup and existing businesses
• Rates and terms vary depending on loan size, credit and use of funds
• In-house business advising services at minimal or no cost for borrowers
• Bilingual application and business coaching support

performance & Impact
• 55% of loans to low income owners
• 50% of loans to women
• 25% of loans to minorities
• 36% of loans to startups
• 96% loan repayment rate
• 8.5 jobs assisted per loan (average)
• 2,000+ loans closed
• $60 million loaned

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