

NC RURAL CENTER



- The NC Rural Center’s mission is to develop, promote, and implement sound economic strategies to improve the quality of life of rural North Carolinians. We serve the state’s 80 rural counties, with a special focus on individuals with low to moderate incomes and communities with limited resources.

GOLDEN LEAF FOUNDATION



- Golden LEAF’s mission is to increase economic opportunity in North Carolina’s rural, economically-distressed, and tobacco-dependent communities through leadership in grantmaking, collaboration, innovation, and stewardship as an independent and perpetual foundation. Following Hurricanes Matthew, Florence, and Dorian, Golden LEAF provided funding for small business bridge loan programs as well as managed state-funded disaster recovery programs.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING PROVIDED BY

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION



- The Appalachian Regional Commission is an economic development agency of the federal government and 13 state governments focusing on 420 counties across the Appalachian Region. ARC’s mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia to help the Region achieve socioeconomic parity with the nation.

DOGWOOD HEALTH TRUST



- Dogwood Health Trust is a North Carolina nonprofit corporation with the sole purpose of dramatically improving the health and well-being of all people and communities of Western North Carolina. Dogwood Health Trust was created from the net proceeds of the sale of Mission Hospital and focuses on innovative ways to address the many factors that contribute to overall health and wellness. To learn more, please visit www.dht.org.

LENDING PARTNERS

BUSINESS EXPANSION FUNDING CORPORATION (BEFCOR)



- BEFCOR has been a nonprofit economic development lender in North Carolina since 1982. By providing loans to small businesses, BEFCOR helps emerging and expanding companies grow and create jobs. Originally founded by the city of Charlotte, BEFCOR is now statewide in North Carolina.

CAROLINA COMMUNITY IMPACT



- Carolina Community Impact helps individuals, particularly those who have frequently been excluded from traditional financial services markets, build their financial health. Through financial education and loans, CCI provides access to credit and asset building techniques for individuals and small businesses.

CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND



- Carolina Small Business Development Fund is a nonprofit and certified community development financial institution (CDFI) that fosters economic development in underserved communities by providing capital, business services, and policy research to support small businesses.

MOUNTAIN BIZWORKS



- Mountain BizWorks builds a vibrant and inclusive entrepreneurial community in Western North Carolina by helping small businesses start, grow, and thrive. Mountain BizWorks is a U.S. Treasury certified nonprofit CDFI.

NATURAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND



- Natural Capital Investment Fund is a small business loan fund that supports entrepreneurs who are creating jobs and businesses in underserved communities in central Appalachia and the Southeast. By providing flexible capital and advisory services to small businesses, agricultural enterprises, and community organization, NCIF catalyzes environmentally and socially responsible business development and wealth creation in rural, minority, and low-wealth communities.



PIEDMONT BUSINESS CAPITAL

- Piedmont Business Capital creates shared economic prosperity through equitable lending and investment. Through flexible financial products and sound advice, PBC creates opportunities to make socially responsible investments that revitalize communities in the Piedmont area of North Carolina.



SEQUOYAH FUND

- The Sequoyah Fund, Inc. is a CDFI and provides capital for small businesses in Cherokee and Western North Carolina. The Sequoyah Fund serves the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on the Qualla boundary and throughout the seven westernmost counties of North Carolina.



THREAD CAPITAL

- Thread Capital provides funding and counseling services to the North Carolina small businesses and entrepreneurs who have traditionally been underserved. Thread Capital is a nonprofit community development financial institution committed to building a more robust, inclusive ecosystem of entrepreneurship in North Carolina, one that gives everyone an opportunity to achieve their small business dreams. They do that by weaving together capital, coaching, and connections to create a new era of entrepreneurship across the state.

NC COVID-19 RAPID RECOVERY CONTACT INFORMATION:

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For questions about this program and other small business resources, call Business Link North Carolina (BLNC) at 800.228.8443

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