

2014

This loan provided dollars for leasehold improvements for a retail space that anchors a struggling business district.

Community Blend Inc. is a worker-owned destination coffee shop that offers fair trade and locally produced refreshments and other goods.

Located in Evanston, a low-income neighborhood, the facility also provides room for casual meetings, musical performances, Wi-Fi access, and art displays.



IMPACT

- Launched a worker-owned business in a low-income community
- Revitalized the anchor property in the neighborhood's business district
- 16 construction and 12 permanent jobs

\$25,000

Storefront Improvement Fund