The International Institute Community Development Corporation (IICDC)* helps immigrant entrepreneurs start small local businesses demonstrating potential for future bankability. We are a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) of the US Dept. of the Treasury.

We share the STL Mosaic Project’s vision of growing our region’s economy through diversity and innovation.

To achieve this goal, we partner with four local banks and the federal government to capitalize our loan fund.

We collaborate with other CDFIs and community organizations to connect our customers with a broad spectrum of business development services.

IICDC has helped start or expand more than 500 St. Louis immigrant-owned businesses...

Who We Are & What We Do

Loan Approval Process

An easy three-step process application process that can be completed in as little as two weeks.

- We get to know you
- Then, we review your business plan and requirements
- Finally, if all criteria are met, we will approve your loan!

* Founded in 2007, the IICDC is a 501(c)(3) wholly owned subsidiary of the International Institute of St. Louis, St. Louis’ Welcome Center for New Americans. Visit us at www.iistl.org.
Our Promise

Flexibility - We will listen to understand each person’s individual situation and needs.

Personalization - We make loans to each borrower based on their unique circumstances, paying attention to language and cultural needs.

Trustworthiness - Our bottom line is the success of each would-be immigrant entrepreneur, not our financial gain. Our goal is achieving your goal!

Technical Assistance
- Business and marketing plans
- Business license assistance
- Credit counseling
- Referrals to our large network of service providers and volunteer professionals

Business Sectors We Finance

- Transportation (42%)
- Retail (32%)
- Food (14%)
- Other (12%)

Our Partners

CARROLLTON BANK

PNC BANK

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Small Business Loans For STL Immigrants

The II Community Development Corporation
Building diversity in our entrepreneurial ecosystem