# Accion: Leader in U.S. Microfinance

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### **Barriers to Traditional Capital**



"Accion gave me the chance to start my credit history for the first time, accepting my ITIN #, and helping my business to grow." -Jose Araujo, Deerfield Beach, FL

- ✓ Little or no credit history
- ✓ Minimal financial documentation
- √ Small capital needs
- √ High risk industries
- ✓ Under two years in business



## **Accion: National Leader** → **Local Impact**

#### We believe that access to capital helps entrepreneurs:

- Create jobs in their communities
- Build assets for their families; and
- Contribute to local economic development



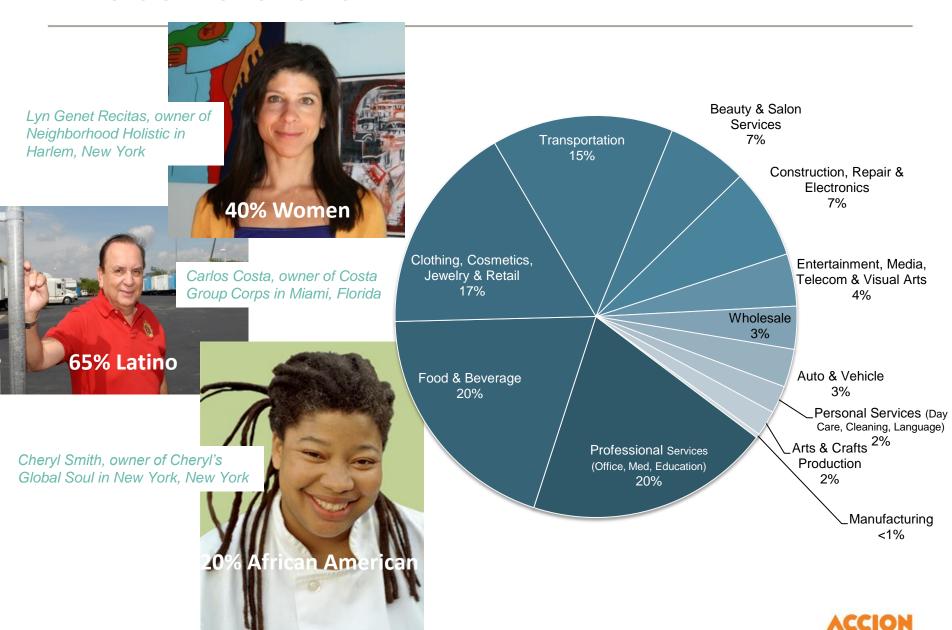
Eddie, Accion client and owner of Dardanel Restaurant in Manhattan, NY



19,000 and 121.2 MM disbursed nationwide!



#### Who do we lend to?



## **Products and Programs**

Product	Definition
<b>Established Businesses</b>	up to \$50k
Start-ups	up to \$30K with outside cosigner
Sprout Loan	Home-based/incubator up to \$5/10K without cosigner*
Secured Loans	\$500 and up
Special Programs	Women, Veterans, Green, Immigrants, Kiva

#### More than a Loan



"With Accion, it was more than just a loan. Through promotional opportunities, Accion helped to get my business name out there."

-Kari, Owner of Morris Kitchen and client.

- ✓ One-on-one: we provide coaching throughout the loan process on credit, cash flow, & record keeping.
- ✓Online: free webinars, tips, tools, & newsletter create meaningful connections with our clients
- ✓ Partnerships: teaming up with organizations leverages resources and maximize strengths

## **Strategic Partnerships**







































### **Bank Partnerships**



### Samuel Adams Brewing the American Dream





Sandy's business is crucial to help provide for her family so when sales went down last summer, Sandy decided to make a change on her summer menu and offer cold slush and drinks and help boost up sales. Sandy's \$2,000 loan from Accion, helped her purchase equipment to speed up production and boost sales.

-Sandy, Accion client and owner of Lulu's Sweet Shoppe. Boston, MA

- ✓ Business Education
- Access to Mentors and Networks
- ✓ Seasonal Product Integration / Catering

Samuel Adams Brewing the American Dream: www.samueladams.com/btad



#### **Tory Burch**

✓ Educational Events

✓ High profile mentors

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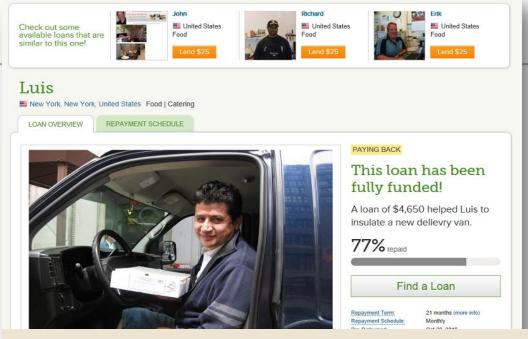
"I have been so impressed with the mentors at the events. Every single one of them has said something memorable to me that has inspired action in my business, I can see that they really care and want to help us succeed."

Natasha, Accion client and owner of Natasha Wozniak Jewelry. Brooklyn, NY

## Kiva.org



- ✓ Loans up to \$10,000
- ✓Increased lending flexibility
- ✓ Publicity



Luis's road to self-employment was not easy. Once unemployed and homeless, Luis's life changed when he found work making deliveries for a local bakery. On the morning of September 11, he made his usual delivery to the World Trade Center when his truck got lost in the rubble of the failing buildings. Through Kiva, Accion lent Luis the money need to get his business back in shape.

-Luis, Accion client. New York, NY



#### **Loans for Veterans**

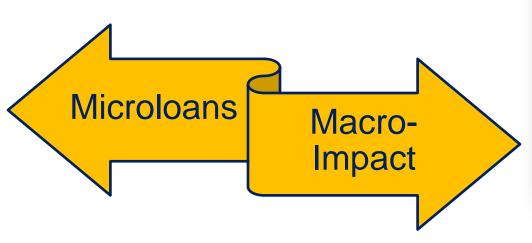




- ✓ Low Interest Rate
- ✓ Increased lending flexibility
- ✓ Coaching and mentorship through SCORE, Veterans across America, and SBS

#### A Win-Win-Win

- Accion can make a difference for your clients
- Partnership opportunities
- What makes a successful referral?





Andy, ACCION client and owner of Cambridge Art and Frames in Cambridge, MA

