The mission of Impact Capital is to make strategic capital investments in community-based, nonprofit organizations in ways that enhance and sustain their ability to positively impact the quality of life in communities throughout Washington. Impact Capital is an intermediate lender that provides credit, financial, and technical assistance services to nonprofit community development organizations in underserved communities. The organization has worked in 94% of the state’s counties, and since 2000 has invested more than $92 million—and leveraged more than $2.1 billion—to facilitate the development of affordable housing, community facilities, and retail space to enhance the lives of low-and moderate-income residents. Founded in 1993, Impact Capital is the Northwest affiliate of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). Its products and services include real estate financing, community building and revitalization programs, and training programs.

Success Story: The Vera Project, Seattle, WA

When the Vera Project—a community music and arts center run by and for youth—needed a new home, Impact Capital provided a $500,000 bridge loan that enabled the organization to renovate a convention hall in the Seattle Center. The new facility includes a live music stage, recording studio, art gallery, and printmaking workshop, and serves more than 40,000 people, and youth in its first 20 months. “Cultural and youth organizations like the Vera Project are a big part of community revitalization,” said Heyward Watson, the CEO of Impact Capital.