Founded in Greenville, South Carolina in 2008, CommunityWorks is a financial non-profit and US Treasury certified loan fund, with a mission to building a brighter future for underserved families and communities through financial education, lending, and investing. CommunityWorks strengthens underserved families and communities by providing financial wellness assessments, down payment for first time homebuyers, financing to nonprofits and affordable housing developers to support the preservation and construction of affordable housing units and community facilities, and microloans to underserved businesses and entrepreneurs. In total, CommunityWorks has generated more than $130 million in total economic impact, provided $5.7 million in financing to more than 300 individuals and businesses, and has provided basic financial services to more than 2,000 individuals.

Success Story: Dondre Simpson/ New Age Health, Simpsonville, SC

While working full-time as a dentist for the Department of Corrections, Dondre Simpson began to pursue his dream of owning his own dental practice. He started New Age Health LLC and kicked off his endeavor with New Age Health Mobile Dental Care. With a loan from our Microbusiness Program, Dondre was able to purchase a van and office space in order to provide mobile dental services. He focuses on low-income and rural neighborhoods in Greenville County, providing check-ups to communities without access to dental care. Dondre says the mobile dental van is just the beginning of his plans for his business. He wants to expand and provide total wellness care, not just dentistry. He plans to hire more staff as well as establish his own brick and mortar practice in the near future.