Arkansas Capital Corporation, private nonprofit formed in 1957, has deployed in excess of $1.5 billion of capital while serving its mission “Fostering economic development, creating and preserving employment opportunities, and stimulating the growth, expansion and modernization of small businesses located within the State of Arkansas, including an emphasis on serving the underserved communities and citizens within the state.”

Arkansas Capital provides vital capital to underserved communities and persons in Arkansas through its various business loan programs including Express 150, SBA 7(a) Loans, SBA Express Loans, USDA B&I products as well as conventional loans that may fall outside traditional bank underwriting parameters. All of these programs support the start-up, expansion and operation of businesses. In addition, Arkansas Capital provides capital to low income communities through its subsidiary in the New Market Tax Credit program. We also sponsor an entrepreneurship foundation that provides free educational opportunities to Arkansas students from elementary through graduate school levels to empower the next generation of Arkansas business owners.

Success Story: Bright Harvest Sweet Potato, Clarksville, AR

Located in rural Clarksville, Arkansas, Bright Harvest Sweet Potato Co. has been processing quality sweet potato products for over 50 years and has grown to one of the largest processors of frozen sweet potato products in the U.S. In order for the plant to continue meeting customer demand and maintain its commitment to producing environmentally-sustainable and safe food products, Arkansas Capital utilized both USDA B+I guaranteed and unguaranteed loans to provide critical equipment upgrades and a working capital allowing the plant to upgrade its processing equipment. The plant retained 85 direct jobs and added 40 additional employees at the facility. This is another one of Arkansas Capital’s sweet successes!