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LA FUERZA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

La Fuerza CDC is dedicated to promoting community development by providing economic growth opportunities to low-income, minority and women owned enterprises. La Fuerza CDC focuses on low-income minority neighborhoods where the barriers of language, culture, and conventional lending have hindered the growth of small businesses.

Through our programs of business education, development services as well as access to capital and ongoing support, we can increase the creation of stable and vibrant communities.

CDFI Story – Chris Manuel, owner of NuBar, Farmingdale, NY

In 2010, Mr. Chris Manuel set his sights on purchasing the 31 year-old LGBTQ bar where he was employed. Six years later, with the help of La Fuerza CDC, he made that dream a reality. With a loan from La Fuerza CDC, Mr. Manuel and his partner, Mr. William Spinnelli, opened NuBar, continuing the tradition of the space as a LGBTQ bar.

In early 2019, Mr. Manuel and Mr. Spinelli received another loan from La Fuerza CDC to renovate the bar and improve the overall atmosphere of NuBar. NuBar celebrated its fourth anniversary in 2020.

Financial and Social Impact

Since 2009:

- 51 loans made, totaling more than \$1 million, to 51 minority- and women-owned small businesses in low- and moderate-income areas across Long Island

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