Financial and Social Impact

In the past five years:

- 368 businesses financed, totaling $14,895,290
- 2,019 jobs impacted through financing
- 9,487 one-on-one technical assistance sessions and training provided to 7,705 participants

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The Nebraska Enterprise Fund envisions a vibrant small business eco-system where every small and micro business has the opportunity to start, grow, and prosper. NEF supports underserved communities by providing micro and small businesses with access to training, technical assistance, and capital.

CDFI Story: Little Miss Fashion, Omaha, NE

When the COVID-19 pandemic slowed, and in some cases stopped, orders from current vendors, Omaha-based fashion retailer and Nebraska Enterprise Fund client Little Miss Fashion started looking for other sources of revenue to keep their doors open. Yolanda, the owner of the business, put a pause on making dresses and shifted to creating masks for sale. Little by little, the orders grew from 1,700 to 3,000 to 5,000. Currently, Little Miss Fashion is producing 12,000 masks per week, with requests for 200,000 masks from CHI Health.

Since the pandemic began, Yolanda has hired 10 women who had either lost their jobs or been furloughed. To maintain a safe environment for her staff, Yolanda has separated every workstation and created new policies that include wearing masks during working hours and following a schedule to disinfect surfaces and equipment.