Fresno CDFI was founded in 2008 and provides loans, technical assistance, and financial training and counseling to help individuals, small business owners, and nonprofits realize their dreams. The organization grew out of the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission’s Refugee Microenterprise Program, which was created in 1993 to provide microloans to Hmong and Laotian refugees who had been coming to the region since the end of the Vietnam War. Today Fresno CDFI serves a wide range of borrowers in low- and moderate-income communities throughout nine counties in central California.

Success Story: All Season Heating & Air Conditioning, Firebaugh, CA
Edward Escalante was turned down by several banks when he applied for financing to rebuild his business following the recession. But he stayed positive, continued to work hard, and then turned to Fresno CDFI, which provided him one loan for $37,500 in 2010, and another for $10,000 in 2011 to help him take on a large contract.