



## **WE Lend**

The WE Lend Initiative is sponsored by the Sam's Club Giving Program and seeks to bridge the financing gap and empower women entrepreneurs to pursue their dreams. The WE Lend Initiative leverages the powerful networks and expertise of three national organizations dedicated to small business prosperity and growth: **Accion, the U.S. Network, National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) and Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP).**

The WE Lend Initiative is a two-year, \$2.5 million investment in strengthening SBA-recognized Women's Business Centers (WBCs), which will increase access to affordable loans and innovative training to hundreds of women entrepreneurs.

The WE Lend Initiative aims to achieve three key objectives that will benefit women entrepreneurs:

- Train select Women's Business Centers to become microlenders and provide capital for loans to women business owners
- Strengthen the Women's Business Centers' referral process, motivating them to more effectively connect women with microlenders and financing to grow their businesses
- Increase the capacity of the Women's Business Centers to provide the women they serve with solid financial literacy and loan readiness skills

Resources for entrepreneurs:

- The National Community Reinvestment Coalition - [www.ncrc.org](http://www.ncrc.org)
- Accion, the U.S. Network - [www.us.accion.org](http://www.us.accion.org)
- Women Impacting Public Policy - [www.wipp.org](http://www.wipp.org)
- Association of Women's Business Centers - [www.awbc.org](http://www.awbc.org)
- Association for Enterprise Opportunity - [www.aeoworks.org](http://www.aeoworks.org)
- SBA Women's Business Centers - [www.sba.gov/women](http://www.sba.gov/women)