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Small Business Development Fund

- SBDF Program was created by the General Assembly in the Fiscal Year 2020 by the SBDF Act, which authorizes the creation of small business loan funds.
- The SBDF Act authorizes up to \$65 million of qualifying loan funds in the aggregate for the SBDF Program, however, each individual loan may not exceed \$20 million in capital investment. This was subsequently amended in Fiscal Year 2025 reducing the authorization to \$40 million and allowing no further fund applications past 6/30/24.
- The Creation of these funds is incentivized by a tax credit against insurance-premium tax for investors who invest in the loan funds.
- Program authorizes loan funds that operate for a minimum of 6 years.
 - Years 1-3 dedicated to an initial deployment of capital in the form of loans to small businesses.
 - Years 4-6 dedicated to redeploying capital that is repaid.
 - Tax Credits issued in Years 4-6 on an annual credit allowance date with a value of 21.5% of the funds.
 - Totalling 64.5% over this 3-year period.
- Pursuant to the SBDF Act, the maximum tax credits issued for a \$20 million fund are \$12.9 million.

Enhanced Capital Fund

In July 2020 Enhanced Capital was approved to create the first \$20 million fund. This initial small business loan fund focused on serving business impact by COVID-19 with loans with maximum interest rates (8%) and a minimum loan term of 5 years – as well as the hospitality and tourism industry (collectively, 75% of the fund was dedicated to COVID-19 impacted businesses). Enhanced Capital 2 started lending in September of 2024 and is currently active seeking opportunities. .

- Enhanced Capital 1 has lent out the first \$20 million over the past 3 years and its first tax credits for \$4.3 million have been issued for 2024.
- Enhanced has complied with the requirements of the program and is eligible for the \$4.3 million in tax credits.
- It is anticipated they will continue to comply and be eligible for similar credits in tax years 2025 and 2026.
- Enhanced Capital 2 has been funded and is active lending.

Summary of Loans for Fund 1 as of 4/18/25

Exhibit A

- Total Amount of Eligible Capital:
 - \$20,000,000
- Total Amount of Loans:
 - \$21,749,000
- Total Numbers of Loans:
 - 77
- Total Number of Companies:
 - 68
- Amount of Loans to COVID-19 Impacted Businesses:
 - \$17,699,000
- Percentage of Loans to COVID-19 Impacted Businesses:
 - 88%
- Amount of Loans to “eligible businesses” in hospitality and tourism:
 - \$9,360,000
- Percentage of Loans to “eligible businesses” in hospitality and tourism:
 - 47%
- Amount of Loans to self-certifying Minority owned businesses:
 - \$3,744,000
- Percentage of Loans to self-certifying Minority owned businesses:
 - 19%
- Amount of Loans to Rhode Island Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion certified Minority owned businesses:
 - \$2,210,000
- Percentage of Loans to Rhode Island Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion certified Minority owned businesses:
 - 10%

Summary of Loans as of 8/31/24 – Exhibit A

(continued)

Jobs At Closing

- Number of Employees at Closing: 655
- Number of Sole Proprietors/Owners/Consultants at Closing: 32
- Total Number of Jobs: 687

- **Summary of Loans for Fund 2 as of 4/18/25**
Exhibit B

Total Amount of Eligible Capital:

\$20,000,000

Total Amount of Loans:

\$7,350,000

Total Numbers of Loans:

10

Total Number of Companies:

10

Amount of Loans to Manufacturers:

\$850,000

Percentage of Loans to Manufacturers:

4%

Amount of Loans to “eligible businesses” in hospitality and tourism:

\$5,350,000

Percentage of Loans to “eligible businesses” in hospitality and tourism:

27%

Amount of Loans to self-certifying Minority owned businesses:

\$5,300,000

Percentage of Loans to self-certifying Minority owned businesses:

27%

Amount of Loans to Rhode Island Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion certified Minority owned businesses:

\$600,000

Percentage of Loans to Rhode Island Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion certified Minority owned businesses:

3%

Amount of Loans to “eligible businesses” in clean energy:

\$2,000,000

Percentage of Loans to “eligible businesses” in clean energy:

Jobs At Closing

- Number of Employees at Closing: 61
- Number of Sole Proprietors/Owners/Consultants at Closing: 4
- Total Number of Jobs: 65

Appendix

Rhode Island Fund Tracking

Eligible Capital



Enhanced Capital Rhode Island Fund I, LLC

4/18/2025

#	Eligible Business	Investment Date	COVID (Y/N)	T&H (Y/N)	Minority (Y/N)	Investment		COVID-19 Invested		Hospitality Invested		Minority Invested	
						Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
1	Epic Decade, LLC	9/30/2021	Yes	No	No	\$500,000	2.50%	\$500,000	2.50%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
2	Deepak Saluja D.M.D., Inc.	9/30/2021	Yes	No	Yes	\$100,000	0.50%	\$100,000	0.50%	\$0	0.00%	\$100,000	0.50%
3	Cosmo Beauty Group, LLC	10/15/2021	Yes	No	Yes	\$50,000	0.25%	\$50,000	0.25%	\$0	0.00%	\$50,000	0.25%
4	RI Hot Yoga, LLC	10/15/2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$50,000	0.25%	\$50,000	0.25%	\$50,000	0.25%	\$50,000	0.25%
5	East Greenwich Tavern, LLC	10/15/2021	Yes	Yes	No	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$0	0.00%
6	Wakefield Tavern, LLC	10/15/2021	Yes	Yes	No	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$0	0.00%
7	Hannes Tax Services	10/15/2021	Yes	No	Yes	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$0	0.00%	\$10,000	0.05%
8	Joel H Harrison, DMD, LTD	10/15/2021	Yes	No	No	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
9	Leshinsky Finance, LLC	10/15/2021	Yes	No	No	\$100,000	0.50%	\$100,000	0.50%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
10	SD & JR, LLC dba Hunky Dory	10/15/2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%
11	JNN, Inc. dba Rocco's Pub&Grub	10/15/2021	Yes	Yes	No	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$0	0.00%
12	ArchAngels, LLC	10/15/2021	Yes	No	Yes	\$200,000	1.00%	\$200,000	1.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$200,000	1.00%
13	Elevate Barre and Cycles, LLC	10/15/2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$20,000	0.10%	\$20,000	0.10%	\$20,000	0.10%	\$20,000	0.10%
14	GoValet LLC	10/15/2021	Yes	No	No	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
15	Harbinger Entertainment, LLC	11/12/2021	Yes	No	Yes	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$0	0.00%	\$10,000	0.05%
16	APM Consulting Group, LLC	11/12/2021	Yes	No	Yes	\$60,000	0.30%	\$60,000	0.30%	\$0	0.00%	\$60,000	0.30%
17	In Toone Communication LLC	11/12/2021	Yes	No	Yes	\$20,000	0.10%	\$20,000	0.10%	\$0	0.00%	\$20,000	0.10%
18	Fournier Beauty	11/12/2021	Yes	No	Yes	\$15,000	0.08%	\$15,000	0.08%	\$0	0.00%	\$15,000	0.08%
19	G Metz Moving, Inc.	11/18/2021	Yes	No	Yes	\$350,000	1.75%	\$350,000	1.75%	\$0	0.00%	\$350,000	1.75%
20	Lighthouse Productions RI DJ	11/18/2021	Yes	No	No	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
21	Thirsty Beaver Smithfield LLC	11/30/2021	Yes	Yes	No	\$1,000,000	5.00%	\$1,000,000	5.00%	\$1,000,000	5.00%	\$0	0.00%
22	Quick Fitting Holding Company, LLC	12/1/2021	Yes	No	No	\$1,000,000	5.00%	\$1,000,000	5.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
23	Ignite Your Life Nutrition, LLC	12/28/2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%
24	Papis Refrescos, LLC	12/28/2021	Yes	No	Yes	\$15,000	0.08%	\$15,000	0.08%	\$0	0.00%	\$15,000	0.08%
25	Rosalino Counseling Services, LLC	12/28/2021	Yes	No	Yes	\$20,000	0.10%	\$20,000	0.10%	\$0	0.00%	\$20,000	0.10%
26	The Bintimani Project, LLC	12/28/2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%
27	The Increabowl Food Company, LLC	12/28/2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%
28	Yankee Foods, LLC dba Mews Tavern	12/30/2021	Yes	Yes	No	\$1,000,000	5.00%	\$1,000,000	5.00%	\$1,000,000	5.00%	\$0	0.00%
29	Quick Fitting Holding Company, LLC	1/20/2022	Yes	No	No	\$3,000,000	15.00%	\$3,000,000	15.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
30	BrewGrindz, LLC	2/14/2022	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$100,000	0.50%	\$100,000	0.50%	\$100,000	0.50%	\$100,000	0.50%
31	Crepe Corner, LLC	2/14/2022	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$35,000	0.18%	\$35,000	0.18%	\$35,000	0.18%	\$35,000	0.18%

Rhode Island Fund Tracking Eligible Capital (continued)



32	Paper Crown Preschool LLC	2/14/2022	Yes	No	Yes	\$100,000	0.50%	\$100,000	0.50%	\$0	0.00%	\$100,000	0.50%
33	East Greenwich Tavern, LLC	3/18/2022	Yes	Yes	No	\$100,000	0.50%	\$100,000	0.50%	\$100,000	0.50%	\$0	0.00%
34	Wakefield Tavern, LLC	3/18/2022	Yes	Yes	No	\$100,000	0.50%	\$100,000	0.50%	\$100,000	0.50%	\$0	0.00%
35	First National Title & Escrow, LLC	3/28/2022	Yes	No	No	\$1,000,000	5.00%	\$1,000,000	5.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
36	Agape Homes of Rhode Island, LLC	3/28/2022	Yes	No	Yes	\$200,000	1.00%	\$200,000	1.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$200,000	1.00%
37	Twelve Catering, LLC	5/9/2022	Yes	Yes	No	\$200,000	1.00%	\$200,000	1.00%	\$200,000	1.00%	\$0	0.00%
38	Epic Decade, LLC dba The Pavilion	5/16/2022	Yes	Yes	No	\$400,000	2.00%	\$400,000	2.00%	\$400,000	2.00%	\$0	0.00%
39	Historic Park Theatre, LLC	5/23/2022	Yes	Yes	No	\$1,000,000	5.00%	\$1,000,000	5.00%	\$1,000,000	5.00%	\$0	0.00%
40	Yankee Foods II LLC	5/23/2022	Yes	Yes	No	\$500,000	2.50%	\$500,000	2.50%	\$500,000	2.50%	\$0	0.00%
41	Gather LLC	5/23/2022	Yes	Yes	No	\$425,000	2.13%	\$425,000	2.13%	\$425,000	2.13%	\$0	0.00%
42	Kale Stems, LLC	6/23/2022	Yes	Yes	No	\$800,000	4.00%	\$800,000	4.00%	\$800,000	4.00%	\$0	0.00%
43	L&B Associates, LLC	6/23/2022	Yes	Yes	No	\$450,000	2.25%	\$450,000	2.25%	\$450,000	2.25%	\$0	0.00%
44	Rainbow Chard, LLC	6/23/2022	Yes	Yes	No	\$950,000	4.75%	\$950,000	4.75%	\$950,000	4.75%	\$0	0.00%
45	Machupicchu Restaurant LLC	7/12/2022	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$300,000	1.50%	\$300,000	1.50%	\$300,000	1.50%	\$300,000	1.50%
46	Ritual LLC dba Ritual Café	7/22/2022	Yes	Yes	No	\$100,000	0.50%	\$100,000	0.50%	\$100,000	0.50%	\$0	0.00%
47	The Stackhouse LLC	8/26/2022	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%
48	Abraham Home Care Provider, LLC	8/26/2022	Yes	No	Yes	\$50,000	0.25%	\$50,000	0.25%	\$0	0.00%	\$50,000	0.25%
49	Nelly Mazuelos dba Mazuelos Carpet Cleaning	10/21/2022	Yes	No	Yes	\$325,000	1.63%	\$325,000	1.63%	\$0	0.00%	\$325,000	1.63%
50	Kassumay LLC	10/21/2022	Yes	No	Yes	\$15,000	0.08%	\$15,000	0.08%	\$0	0.00%	\$15,000	0.08%
51	Mighty Well LLC	11/4/2022	Yes	No	Yes	\$100,000	0.50%	\$100,000	0.50%	\$0	0.00%	\$100,000	0.50%
52	Mighty Well LLC	11/21/2022	Yes	No	Yes	\$150,000	0.75%	\$150,000	0.75%	\$0	0.00%	\$150,000	0.75%
53	Impact Tool Supply Corp.	12/7/2022	Yes	No	No	\$235,000	1.18%	\$235,000	1.18%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
54	Chi Foods, LLC	12/29/2022	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$260,000	1.30%	\$260,000	1.30%	\$260,000	1.30%	\$260,000	1.30%
55	Taylor Health Enterprises, LLC	12/29/2022	Yes	No	Yes	\$50,000	0.25%	\$50,000	0.25%	\$0	0.00%	\$50,000	0.25%
56	JA Patty, LLC	12/29/2022	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%
57	Plants to Food LLC	1/17/2023	No	No	No	\$2,500,000	12.50%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
58	El Rincon Dominicano, LLC	2/6/2023	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$50,000	0.25%	\$50,000	0.25%	\$50,000	0.25%	\$50,000	0.25%
59	Precise Restore, LLC	2/6/2023	Yes	No	Yes	\$100,000	0.50%	\$100,000	0.50%	\$0	0.00%	\$100,000	0.50%
60	Royal Health & Wellness, LLC	2/6/2023	Yes	No	Yes	\$250,000	1.25%	\$250,000	1.25%	\$0	0.00%	\$250,000	1.25%
61	Celebrated LLC	3/9/2023	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%
62	Sarcastic Sweets, LLC	3/9/2023	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%	\$10,000	0.05%
63	Korecky Landscape, LLC	3/9/2023	Yes	No	No	\$50,000	0.25%	\$50,000	0.25%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
64	One Stone, LLC	3/28/2023	Yes	No	No	\$85,000	0.43%	\$85,000	0.43%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
65	L&B Associates, LLC	3/28/2023	Yes	Yes	No	\$150,000	0.75%	\$150,000	0.75%	\$150,000	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
66	Thirsty Beaver Pub & Grub, LLC	4/5/2023	No	Yes	No	\$700,000	3.50%	\$0	0.00%	\$700,000	3.50%	\$0	0.00%
67	Machupicchu Restaurant LLC	4/24/2023	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$200,000	1.00%	\$200,000	1.00%	\$200,000	1.00%	\$200,000	1.00%
68	Nivayi Delivery Services, LLC	5/5/2023	Yes	No	Yes	\$200,000	1.00%	\$200,000	1.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$200,000	1.00%


Rhode Island Fund Tracking (continued)



75	Mighty Well, Inc.	11/15/2024	Yes	No	Yes	\$100,000	0.50%	\$100,000	0.50%	\$0	0.00%	\$100,000	0.50%
76	First National Title & Escrow, LLC	12/30/2024	Yes	No	No	\$200,000	1.00%	\$200,000	1.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
77	Crispy Shallots, LLC	1/27/2025	Yes	Yes	No	\$300,000	1.50%	\$300,000	1.50%	\$300,000	1.50%	\$0	0.00%
	Total		75	37	43	\$21,749,000	108.75%	\$17,699,000	88.49%	\$9,360,000	46.80%	\$3,744,000	18.72%

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