



Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN)

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*“30 years of building entrepreneurs
in GA and the Southeast – 1996-2026.”*

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Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN) Receives National Grant Through NALCAB and Truist Foundation Investment

ATLANTA, GA — March 9, 2026 — The **Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN)** has been awarded a national grant from the National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB), made possible by a \$2 million investment from the Truist Foundation.

The grant is part of a broader initiative announced by NALCAB. The organization received a \$2 million investment from the Truist Foundation and awarded \$300,000 in grants to community-based nonprofit organizations across the United States. This funding will empower GMEN to strengthen small business ecosystems and expand economic opportunities in their communities.

Through this competitive initiative, nonprofit organizations were selected for their work supporting entrepreneurs, strengthening local economies, and expanding access to business development resources. For GMEN, the funding will support programs that help entrepreneurs across Georgia start and grow successful businesses. These programs provide training, technical assistance, and improved access to capital.

This national recognition comes as GMEN celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2026. The milestone highlights three decades of leadership in supporting entrepreneurs throughout Georgia.

“Receiving this grant through NALCAB is both an honor and an affirmation of the work GMEN has been doing across Georgia for the past three decades,” **said Elizabeth Wilson, Founder and CEO of GMEN.** “This investment allows us to deepen our commitment to entrepreneurs and strengthen



the support systems that help small businesses grow, create jobs, and build generational wealth.”

Founded in 1996, GMEN has spent nearly 30 years building a statewide network of nonprofit lenders, community organizations, and economic development partners. Together, these partners support small business and microenterprise development throughout Georgia.

“Small businesses are essential to strong communities,” said Adam Smith, Chief Operating Officer of GMEN. “This support from NALCAB and the Truist Foundation strengthens our ability to help entrepreneurs launch businesses, grow their companies, and contribute to local economic growth.”

NALCAB is a national nonprofit intermediary and Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). The organization supports more than 200 nonprofit organizations across the country. Its work focuses on advancing economic mobility and expanding opportunities for entrepreneurs.

As GMEN launches its 30th Anniversary campaign in 2026, the organization will celebrate three decades of helping entrepreneurs access capital, training, and mentorship to build sustainable businesses and stronger communities.

About Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN)

Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN) is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding economic opportunity through entrepreneurship. Since 1996, GMEN has supported small business development by connecting entrepreneurs with training, capital access, and technical assistance through a network of community partners across Georgia. Learn more at www.gmen.org.

About NALCAB

The National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB) is the hub of a national network of more than 200 nonprofit organizations that serve diverse Latino communities across the United States. As a grantmaker and US Treasury-certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), NALCAB strengthens the economy by advancing economic mobility for low-to-moderate-income populations. NALCAB’s work focuses on small business development, affordable housing, and financial capability to ensure that the American Dream remains accessible to all. *Learn more at www.nalcab.org*



About Truist Foundation

The Truist Foundation is committed to Truist Financial Corporation's (NYSE: TFC) purpose to inspire and build better lives and communities. Established in 2020, the Foundation makes strategic investments in nonprofit organizations to help ensure the communities it serves have more opportunities for a better quality of life. The Truist Foundation's grants and activities focus on building career pathways to economic mobility and strengthening small businesses. *Learn more at www.truist.com/purpose/truist-foundation*

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