



New American Lending

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How we support economic growth and financial stability for newcomers

At Global Refuge, we believe that by empowering immigrants and refugees with access to financial resources, we can help break down systemic barriers and create pathways to success. Our **New American Lending** program was created to foster entrepreneurship and financial empowerment within our immigrant community. This work strengthens immigrant communities and helps create and sustain small businesses, benefitting the broader community by providing valuable goods and services, job creation, and growth of local economies.



After fleeing Kabul in 2021, Khalis Noori dedicated himself to assisting and resettling his fellow Afghans in the United States. Recognizing the need for a communal space, Noori opened My Kabul restaurant two years later. And with the help of New American Lending, his restaurant has evolved into a refuge, extending discounted meals to refugees from all backgrounds.

We make loans accessible to bridge the economic gap.

New American Lending is a nonprofit lender that empowers refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers on their journey towards financial independence. We offer personal and business loans that would usually be very difficult for newcomers to obtain due to limited or no credit history, increasing access to the resources and financial tools our newest neighbors need to take control of their economic futures.

We provide financial coaching to ensure that our new neighbors are set up for success.

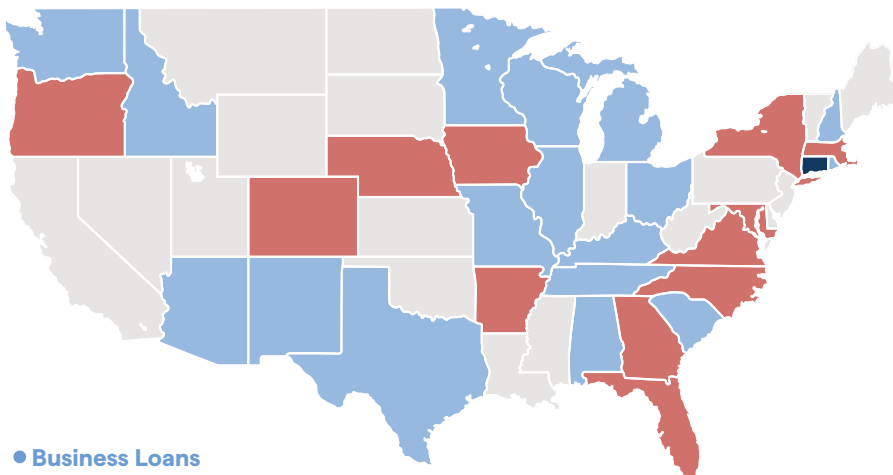
Our program offers so much more than just loans. The New American Lending team educates clients through training in financial literacy, small business management, and personal finances. We empower every single client we serve by either approving their loan application or providing clear instruction about what is needed to get the loan, and we maximize our impact for clients by offering a suite of services specifically tailored to their needs.

We support the creation and growth of small businesses to bolster local economies.

The work of New American Lending strengthens immigrant communities and helps create and sustain successful small businesses. The businesses we serve not only provide essential goods and services, but also create jobs and stimulate economic growth in our communities. When immigrant businesses succeed, we all benefit.

Where We Work

Global Refuge offers personal and business loans across the United States.



- Business Loans
- Personal Loans
- Business and Personal Loans



92.4%

loan approval rate



\$659,008

in loans distributed
in 2023



40%

of loans distributed
to female clients



“This loan has helped make my restaurant a place for all to come together under one roof. There is so much love here.”

Khalis Noori (also pictured on front), owner, My Kabul restaurant

Global Refuge is a nonprofit serving newcomers seeking safety, support, and a share in the American dream. We have been a leader in resettlement for 85 years, dedicated to supporting immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees through advocacy, care, and empowerment to restore a sense of home.