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**Sponsor:** Empire State Development Corp

**Dates:** June 1, 2011 – May 31, 2012

**Amount:** \$96,700

**Social Entrepreneur Pilot**

The pilot program is the first of its kind - a university-based micro lending program that combines the resources of the University at Albany's (UAlbany) Schools of Business and Social Welfare, the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), and the State Employees Federal Credit Union (SEFCU). It includes key elements to address the specific needs of the underserved entrepreneurs including: active candidate recruitment, training and mentorship support for the candidates, and capital access (loans) using non-traditional criteria called character-based lending.