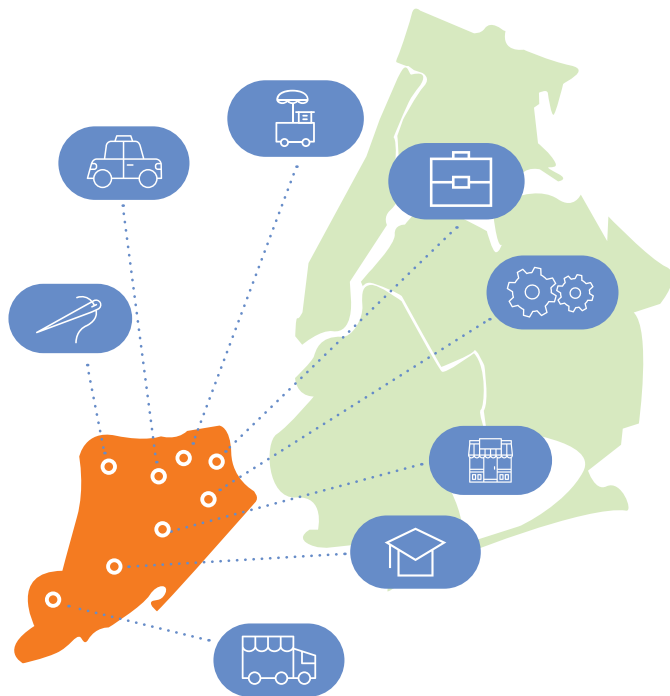


In fiscal year 2023, Accompany Capital provided **\$176,000** in loans to 7 small businesses in Staten Island.



About Staten Island

Staten Island has a population of under 500,000, making it the least populous borough. While not as diverse as the other boroughs and largely residential, it has a growing number of Asian-owned businesses and communities of Liberian, Mexican, and Sri Lankan immigrants.

Total Borough Statistics

for 1,508 small businesses since 1997

\$2.8 Million in Loans

99.8% of Loans to Refugees & Immigrants

337 immigrants and 160 refugees

72.5% of Loans to Women Owned Businesses

361 businesses received \$1.8 million in loans

239 Jobs Supported

48 jobs created, 191 jobs retained since FY18

Impact

In fiscal year 2023, Accompany Capital served **15 operating businesses in Staten Island**

1

Business started

3

Businesses expanded

11

Businesses strengthened

3

Full time jobs created

3

Part time job created

73

Jobs retained

Brigitte Harris Bridge's Kitchen



Brigitte Harris, the owner of Bridge's Kitchen, grew up in the Stapleton community of Staten Island as a first generation Liberian American. At age 12, she moved back to Liberia. Immersed in her culture, Brigitte learned how to cook many dishes from her family's home country, from peanut soup with fufu to colorful jollof rice.

Eventually the violence of civil war forced Brigitte to return to the United States, where she continued to refine her recipes. Living amid wartime food shortages inspired her to volunteer with Rescuing Leftover Cuisine during the pandemic.

As a volunteer she redistributed excess food to people experiencing food insecurity, delivering to pantries and shelters across New York City by bicycle.

In 2023 Brigitte received a loan from Accompany Capital to fund the purchase a food truck. Brigitte's mission is to provide Liberian cuisine to a borough that lacks many options despite the neighborhood of Clifton being known as "Little Liberia" and to connect people to her culture through cuisine.

In the future, Brigitte aspires to open more Liberian restaurants across New York City and beyond.