Our History
Founded in Queens, NY in 2008, Grameen America builds on the legacy and proven model of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus. His revolutionary but simple idea that all people can lift themselves out of poverty through their own entrepreneurial spirit has dramatically altered how the world views global poverty. Alongside such visionaries as Nelson Mandela and Mother Teresa, Professor Yunus is one of just seven people to hold a Nobel Peace Prize, Congressional Gold Medal and Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Our Services
Grameen America provides microloans (averaging $1,500 to $15,000), financial training and support to members. As part of our program, members open free savings accounts with commercial banks and make weekly deposits. We also report microloan repayments to Experian, enabling our members to build their financial identity.

Who We Serve
Our target population is women who live below the federal poverty line for whom the mainstream financial system is currently out of reach. Our members are women who previously had few options for accessing capital and most lacked bank accounts and credit scores.

Our Model
Group of 5 women forms
Each woman opens a savings account
Groups attend weekly meetings with Grameen America field officers to make repayments and receive training
Members are eligible for larger loans to grow their business, build their financial identity, and receive additional support

Joining Grameen America
Group undergoes 5 days of financial training
Each woman receives a microloan to build a small business
Each woman repays loans in full at the end of 6 month terms

Our Impact
$870M+ total invested in women entrepreneurs
100,000+ women entrepreneurs served
13 U.S. cities
99% Repayment Rate

Who We Are
Grameen America is the fastest growing nonprofit microfinance organization in the United States with a proven national solution to advance financial inclusion for women. We provide small loans, training and support to low-income women to help them build businesses, achieve higher family incomes and revitalize their communities.

Join the Movement
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