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Valley CDC lands technology grant

Valley Community Development Corporation is one of 40 recipients of an HP Microenterprise Development Grant worth more than \$57,000 in technology equipment, services and cash.

The HP technology will provide new and established small businesses in the community with much-needed resources and training. A microenterprise is a business with five or fewer employees, \$35,000 or less in start-up capital that does not have access to the traditional banking sector.

For 19 years, Valley CDC has provided local entrepreneurs with business training and support to improve the economic development in the Pioneer Valley.

Valley CDC is a nonprofit membership organization that serves low- and moderate-income residents and small businesses in Northampton, Easthampton, Amherst and Hadley. In addition to small business and economic development services and support, the organization provides counseling to first-time home buyers via the Homeownership Center, teaches basic financial literacy seminars, and develops and manages affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households and special populations.