

Atlas Global Bistro

In 2003, John Lopez opened Atlas Global Bistro, a restaurant located in the up and coming Midtown section of Detroit. With nearly two decades of restaurant experience in the Metropolitan Detroit area, John has been responsible for the successful opening, operation and growth of three of the city's most popular concept restaurants. Despite his previous success, his current restaurant venture was facing several obstacles. Even though his business plan had allowed the initial project to come in under budget, John found he needed additional funding for upgraded equipment and working capital to support growth. Consequently, he approached the MI-SBTDC Detroit office, hosted by Eastern Michigan University, to receive the guidance he needed.

Business Consultant, Latifa Bradwell was able to recommend several funding sources and provided Atlas Global Bistro with invaluable information, assistance, support and resources. As a result, a loan of \$75,000 from the McGehee Interfaith Loan Fund was awarded to the business. The financing enabled the business to grow as it was used to hire additional staff and purchase more equipment.



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