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Aya has nearly 10 years of experience in the field of Economic Development. Born and raised in Barbados, she came to the United States to attend college and pursue her love of singing. She attended the University of Hartford’s Hartt School of Music where she majored in music business and foreign languages. After college, she worked in the fields of music publishing, event planning, and financial aid, including a one-year stint working in New York City for Bob Dylan’s music publishing company. It was years later, while working for the New Haven Jazz Festival and reaching out to area businesses to encourage their involvement in the festival, that she recognized her interest in economic and business development. From there it was on to municipal economic development roles in East Hartford & Meriden, and now her community lending position with CIC which gives her the opportunity to do her favorite thing: work hands-on with small businesses and entrepreneurs.

**Topics:**
Small Business Lending
5 C's of Credit
Do's & Don'ts of Applying for a Small Business Loan

**Audience:**
Entrepreneurs & Small Business Owners
Commercial Bankers

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