

## FAME Renaissance Program

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Year Founded: 1992

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Service Area: FAME Renaissance is an economic development initiative of the First African Methodist Episcopal (FAME) Church of Los Angeles. FAME Renaissance is the largest faith based non-profit, economic development agency in the United States, according to the Harvard University Divinity School.

Activities: Since 1992, FAME Renaissance has operated several major social and economic assistance programs designed to revitalize neglected communities in Los Angeles County. Here is a short list of several programs: FAME's Business Incubator Program, Welfare-to-Wealth, FAME Home Loan Program, Environmental Protection Program and FAME's Equity Fund.

Lending/Loan Package: \$2,655,000 in loans approved in 2001

Volume: 51 loans approved in 2001

Relationships: The organization has indicated that it has worked with the following financial institutions: Bank of America, California Chohung Bank, California Commerce Bank, Cal Fed Bank, City National Bank, Comerica Bank-California, First Federal Bank of California, Hanmi Bank, HSBC, Manufacturers Bank, Mellon 1<sup>st</sup> Business Bank, Nara Bank, Pacific Century Bank, Pacific Union Bank, Bank of the West, Union Bank of California, U.S. Bank, Washington Mutual Bank and Wells Fargo.



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