Laura Benson started Filly Flair in her basement in 2010. Over the past eight years, it has become a large online boutique retailer with 20 employees and more than one million followers on Facebook.

Filly Flair’s mission is to help every woman feel beautiful in her own skin by specializing in the sale of cute and comfortable clothing with a “rural charm” aesthetic.

The business utilized the SBA 504 program in 2018 to construct a new 20,000-square-foot warehouse in Crooks, SD, to house the growing boutique.

Laura Benson, owner of Filly Flair, was awarded the 2017 Young Entrepreneur of the Year award by the South Dakota SBA District Office.
Montgomery’s Furniture isn’t a run-of-the-mill furniture store. Owned by the Sinclair family, the store offers a “whole-home experience” that personally connects customers to furniture within any price range. In 2012, the Sinclair family received their first SBA 504 loan to refinance existing fixed asset debt for two Montgomery’s Furniture stores, located in Madison and Sioux Falls. In 2013, the Sinclair family received another SBA 504 loan to expand the business to Watertown by purchasing and remodeling existing real estate. Continuing their trend of rapid growth, in 2014, the family utilized a third SBA 504 loan for the expansion of their Sioux Falls location. With three SBA 504 loans in three years, Montgomery’s Furniture is a perfect example of the type of growth possible with the SBA 504 loan. Montgomery’s was named the 2015 Family-Owned Small Business of the Year by SBA’s South Dakota District Office.

Midwestern Mechanical, Inc. is a plumbing, heating, HVAC, and fire protection contracting firm with a reputation for providing quality work, design, and service in the region. The business was established in 1983 in Sioux Falls and has expanded to include four locations in the tri-state region with 120 employees. The business refinanced existing debt under the SBA 504 debt refinancing program. The refinance provision offered through SBA allowed Midwestern Mechanical to save more than $5,000 per month, which freed up capital and has since allowed the business to grow more rapidly. Dwayne Klarenbeek of Midwestern Mechanical, Inc. was named the Small Business Person of the Year for 2013 by the South Dakota District Office of SBA.

Senproco, Inc. is the third-largest manufacturer and distributor of pet grooming products in the world with customers in every state and 40 countries. Senproco was established in 1997 when the Dressen’s began selling pet products from home. The owners have created new product lines including Back2Basics and Green Groom, in addition to selling a variety of other grooming products. Though the business has expanded beyond South Dakota, the headquarters remain in Sioux Falls. Senproco, Inc. utilized the SBA 504 loan three times, purchasing a building in 2007 and another to accommodate further expansion in 2011. The third SBA 504 loan assisted the business with the purchase of equipment and construction of a new facility in 2014. Senproco, Inc. was awarded the Small Business Exporters of the Year award by the South Dakota District Office of SBA in 2013.