The Sustainable Local Investment Partnership (SLIP) can help your business identify, plan and achieve a positive Triple Bottom Line.

With SLIP’s assistance, you can finance growth for both your business, and your community.

Contact SLIP to learn how to balance your bottom line with nature’s and your community’s.

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The Sustainable Local Investments Partnership (SLIP) is dedicated to proving that the local entrepreneur can grow his or her business in the Inland Northwest without degrading the environmental or social fabric of their community.

SLIP advocates believe the most sustainable business is one that can thrive where it’s planted.

In an age of diminishing energy resources, and increased pressure from global competition, SLIP believes it is imperative that local entrepreneurs learn how to develop their enterprises in place.

What is SLIP?
It’s a homegrown commitment of lenders, business assistants, governments and educational institutions to develop sustainability as the operating principal of all local businesses.

To do that, SLIP connects local entrepreneurs with lending institutions and technical assistance teams that can help them with specially designed loan products and an expertise network to teach them how to put their businesses on a sustainable Triple Bottom Line.

What is the Triple Bottom Line?
The Triple Bottom Line is a way of reflecting a truer picture of the long-term sustainability of your enterprise. Triple Bottom Line adds the calculation of the net environmental and social costs of running your business to the normal calculation of financial profit and loss. By tuning your business to this broader measure of success you build a supportive environment for your growing enterprise.

How to Get SLIP Help
Ask your lender or business advisor about SLIP. If they don’t know about SLIP yet, tell them to call Jim Wavada at the Department of Ecology (509) 358-7894, Susanne Croft at the City of Spokane, (509) 625-6967, or Kerri Rodkey at Spokane Neighbor Action Programs, (509) 456-7174.

If you’re a good candidate for a SLIP loan, you’ll be qualified for that loan and also for a whole network of technical support to help you green your business. A short and simple interview process is all that’s required to get you started on a better way to grow your business and your community sustainably.