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Dudley Ventures' 30+ member team delivers comprehensive advisory, investment, fund reporting, and compliance services. DV's community development entity, DV Community Investment, has received a total of \$655 million in NMTC allocation. In 2021, Dudley Ventures was acquired by Valley National Bancorp, providing the firm with the scale and resources of a \$63+ billion publicly traded financial institution.