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This paper estimates the impact of an urban microcredit programme in Zambia on business performance and a range of indicators of wellbeing using difference in difference estimation. Inflexible group enforcement of loan obligations resulted in some borrowers, especially those who had taken only one loan, being made worse off. Receipt of a second loan is associated with significantly higher growth in business profits and household income.