

blue sky partners



The **Survive2Thrive SANCTUARY** web application and mobile app will provide immediate access to available safe spaces, vital life resources, and 24/7 advocate support to the growing displaced and homeless community.



The **Other Ones Foundation** offers zero-barrier employment opportunities to individuals experiencing homelessness, and works with them to break down existing barriers to stable income and housing.



Diva-licious Productions, Inc. provides a culinary certification program designed for the 87% of COA low-income residents with the least access and the most need of employment--single mothers with school-age children. The culinary industry provides numerous jobs with a flexible schedule, part-time, shift work, or temporary employment.

Social Innovation Grant Winners



Affordability & Workforce Development Accelerator

Workforce Skills

E4 Youth provides culturally competent instruction for youth of color ages 16 – 22, who are traditionally under-represented in creative and technology related fields. They help students find a voice and a supportive network of peers and mentors.

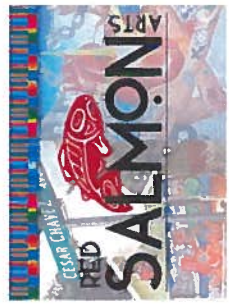


My Brother's Keepers Scholars provides post-secondary scholarships for young men of color, breaking cycles of poverty and creating a more equitable, diverse workforce.

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Income Inequality

Red Salmon Arts helps indigenous and underrepresented communities gain access to equitable opportunities to desired resources. They support and employ working artists, writers, graphic designers, publishers, and innovators with a Native American/ Chican@/Latin@/x viewpoint in literature, arts, cultural productions.







THE CITY OF AUSTIN SOCIAL INNOVATION GRANT – IN PARTNERSHIP WITH IMPACT HUB

The City of Austin identified a strategic direction with priority areas of focus through 2023. These complex challenges affect our entire community, and cannot be solved by one sector alone. The Innovation Office seeks to tap into Austin's social entrepreneur network to see who might be developing innovative solutions that could work alongside the City's efforts to make our collective impact even stronger.

The social innovation grant encourages a diverse group of applicants, who might otherwise be unable to afford to join the accelerator, and honors the extra evidence-building work required to prove a public policy outcome.

We asked applicants to identify which challenge statements, indicators, and metrics from the Strategic Direction their solution addresses. We asked them their theory of change – how their solution would make an impact – and how they envisioned working along side the public sector.

			
Homelessness	Employment	Income Inequality	Workforce Skills
<p>Challenge: How might we leverage both prevention and service delivery to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness in Austin?</p> <p>Metric: # and % of persons who successfully exit from homelessness</p> <p># of people who return to homelessness after moving into housing</p>	<p>Challenge: How might we maintain a resilient economy that provides equitable opportunities for people and business (e.g. supporting small business and skilled workforce)?</p> <p>Metric: Employment rate</p> <p>Number of small businesses per capita</p>	<p>Challenge: How might we break the cycle of poverty and inequity so that all residents experience economic mobility?</p> <p>Metric: # and % of residents living below the poverty level</p> <p># and % of Census tracts meeting criteria for R/ECAP (Racially/Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty)</p>	<p>Challenge: How might we break the cycle of poverty and inequity so that all residents experience economic mobility?</p> <p>Metric: # and % of people who successfully complete Workforce Development training</p>