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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**Seventeen Social Enterprise Businesses Awarded \$225K in Project Grants from REDF**

SAN FRANCISCO (September 5, 2019) — Roberts Enterprise Development Fund (REDF) today announced a new group of 2019-2020 Project Grantees, a cohort comprised of seventeen employment-focused social enterprises that provide paying jobs and wraparound services to men and women striving to overcome employment barriers and build a better life. These innovative businesses were part of the 2018-2019 [REDF Accelerator Program](#), which provides a powerful peer network and delivers specialized curriculum designed to strengthen their business models. From organizational capacity-building to improving employee support programs, grantees will receive up to \$20K in flexible funding to put key learnings from the Accelerator into practice at their social enterprise.

Grantees include:

- [EMERGE Connecticut, Inc.](#), New Haven, CT
- [Ladders To Leaders](#), Hagerstown, MD
- [Light House Bistro](#), Annapolis, MD
- [Hopeworks GIS and Drone Services](#), Camden, NJ
- [The Knowledge House](#), Bronx, NY
- [Big Reuse](#), Brooklyn, NY
- [Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse](#), Evanston, IL
- [Just Q'in BBQ](#), Cincinnati, OH
- [Take 2: A Resonance Cafe](#), Tulsa, OK
- [Primavera Works](#), Tucson, AZ
- [Purple Door Coffee](#), Denver, CO
- [Ada's Café](#), San Francisco, CA
- [New Earth Explore](#), Culver City, CA
- [Home Start Thrift Boutique](#), San Diego, CA
- [Visión y Compromiso](#), El Cerrito, CA
- [Missoula Works](#), Missoula, MT
- [Global Neighborhood](#), Spokane, WA

Project grants accelerate the success of employment social enterprise businesses by providing specialized technical assistance and capital for a specific activity. It's this unique combination of money and support that help employment social enterprises grow their business, increase their impact, and help more people. Grantees were awarded based on their alignment to REDF's overall strategic goals, the strength of their application, and their demonstration of learning and growth after completing the REDF Accelerator program. Grantees cannot be the recipient of any other concurrent REDF grant. For more information about the grantees, please visit REDF's [grants page](#).

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ABOUT REDF

REDF (Roberts Enterprise Development Fund) is a pioneering venture philanthropy galvanizing a national movement of employment social enterprises—revenue-generating businesses that invest the money they make into helping people striving to overcome employment barriers get jobs, keep jobs, and build a better life.