The REDF Accelerator was the best experience I have had in my professional career. I found new concepts, models, and approaches that were so inspirational—things that I took home and implemented immediately.

– Anthony Armour, Executive Director, Neighborhood Industries

The REDF Accelerator gave me the confidence to be a better leader. I feel fortunate to have been a part of this program. The connections I have made will be a great help, not only now but in the future.

– Beth Rocca, General Manager, The Light House Bistro

I had no idea how deep, personal and wide this was going to take me. Mini-MBA does do not do this justice. It has been nothing short of life changing.

– Anchi Mei, Executive Director, MAKE Projects
WHO WE WORK WITH

Mission-driven, revenue generating businesses that serve individuals striving to build a better life and overcome employment barriers, including:

- Justice System Involvement
- Homelessness
- Mental Illness and Addiction
- Refugee or Asylee Status
- Domestic Violence and/or Trafficking
- Opportunity Youth (Disconnection from School/Work for Those Under 25)

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

**APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY**

- Must lead or have full decision-making authority within an employment social enterprise
- Must commit to attending all programming and engage in peer collaboration in-between sessions
- Must be able to step away from day to day duties without closing the enterprise
- Must be willing to comply with COVID policy as defined by the REDF Accelerator (review full details here)

**ENTERPRISE ELIGIBILITY**

- Must provide paid employment at or above local minimum wage and wraparound services
- Must have $100K–$2M projected earned revenue for current year via sales of goods and/or services
- Must have been in operation for at least 12 months
- Must have a team/staff of at least two full-time people that help operate your social enterprise

WHAT TO EXPECT

**STRUCTURE**

- Highly interactive five-month program
  - Three, week-long sessions (two in-person, one virtual)
  - Cohort of 18 peer social enterprise leaders
  - Facilitated curriculum, supported by peer learning, with direct application to your enterprise

**COMMITMENT**

- Actively participate in REDF Accelerator including attendance & participation in 30 hours of programming during each session.
  - Participate in ~2-5 hours of programming a week in-between sessions, consisting of post-session assignments, social hours, and office hours.
  - Willingness to collaborate with peers in the cohort
  - Ability and commitment to provide 2 years of key data to REDF during and after REDF Accelerator involvement

PROGRAM LOGISTICS

**For in-person sessions that require travel, REDF pays for:**

- Lodging
- Meals during programming (with the exception of evenings where there are no program activities)

**For in-person sessions that require travel, leader pays for:**

- Airfare*
- Ground Transportation

*REDF offers a limited number of travel stipends to support leaders who face financial hardship in attending the in-person sessions. These stipends may not cover full cost of travel.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT US AT CONNECT@REDF.ORG OR VISIT REDF.ORG/ACCELERATOR.
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