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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Twelve Social Enterprise Businesses Awarded Strategic Grants From REDF**

*REDF Announces 2019 Grantees, a Cohort Comprised of Social Enterprises Focused on Hiring and Training Individuals with the Greatest Barriers to Employment*

**SAN FRANCISCO** (January 16, 2019) — Roberts Enterprise Development Fund (REDF) announced its 2018-2019 Strategic Grantees, a cohort of twelve 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. The social enterprises are located around the country and represent a wide range of business sectors including construction, food service, renewable energy, manufacturing, staffing and others.

2019 grantees include:

- [Pioneer Human Services](#) – Seattle, WA
- [WELD Seattle](#) – Seattle, WA
- [HopeWorks](#) – Everett, WA
- [Northwest Center](#) – Seattle, WA
- [New Door Ventures](#) – San Francisco, CA
- [GRID Alternatives](#) – Los Angeles, CA
- [Timelist](#) – Los Angeles, CA
- [Refoundry](#) – Los Angeles, CA
- [Building Materials Reuse Association](#) (BMRA) – Great Cranberry Isle, ME
- [Better Futures Minnesota](#) – Minneapolis, MN
- [Comprenew](#) – Grand Rapids, MI
- [Doe Fund](#) – New York, NY

Grantees were selected based on a variety of criteria including their overall effectiveness and ability to contribute to REDF's regional focus, their leadership in a specific sector and/or business line, and the opportunity to increase the impact of an existing REDF impact lending investment.

In addition to receiving between \$10-80K in flexible capital, grantees will also receive business and program mentorship from REDF for one year to accomplish their specific goals and strengthen their businesses and innovative program models. From implementing a new workforce training program in solar installation to piloting a new mobile market business, the funding will enable grantees to continue to grow their businesses, and to serve more people, more effectively. For more information on the grantees and the focus of their grants, please visit REDF's [grant page](#).

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**ABOUT REDF**

REDF (the 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.