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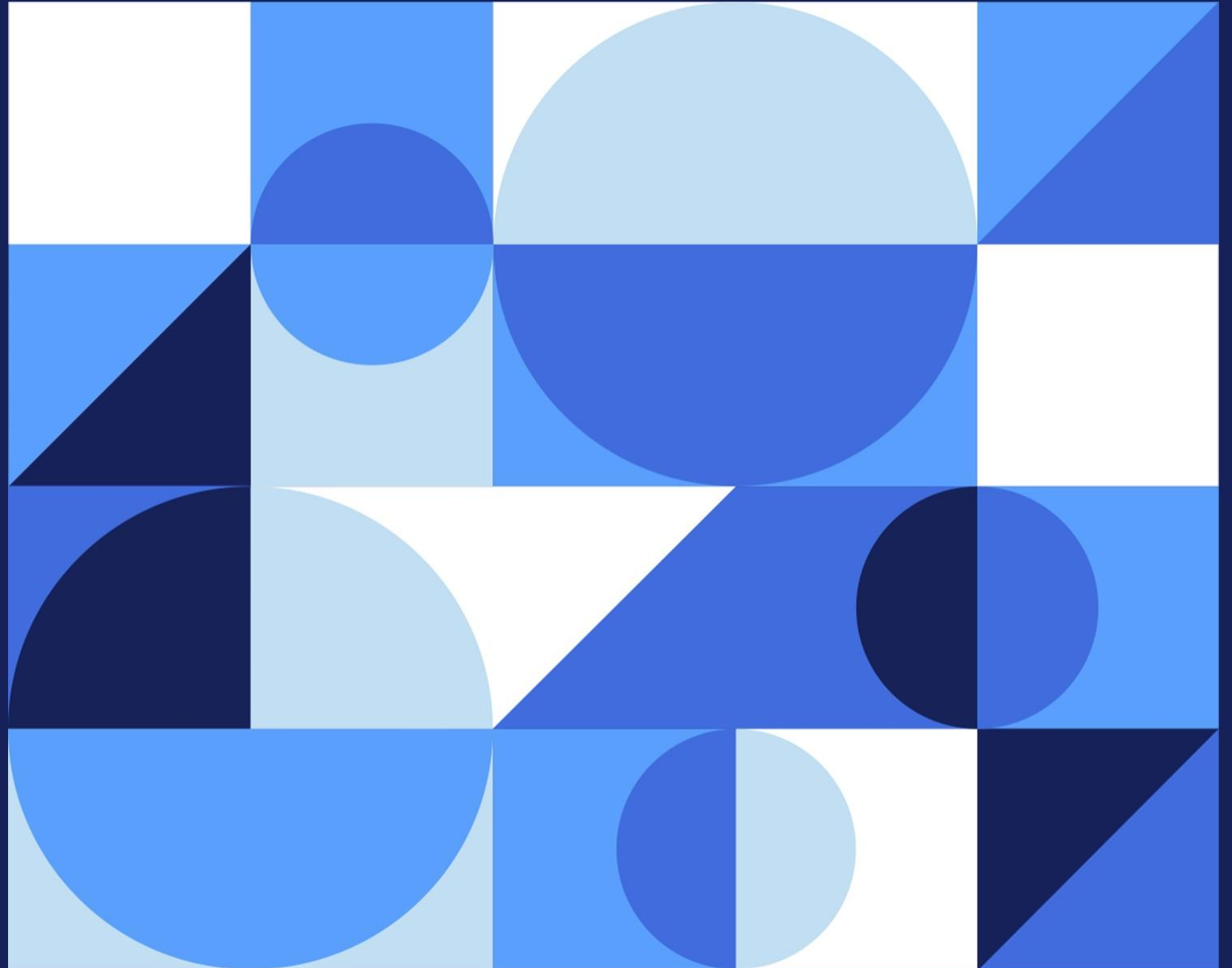


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ON CHAMPA

Denver's Hub for Entrepreneurship

Denver City Council Business, Arts,
Workforce & Aviation Services
Committee

September 11, 2019



The Commons on Champa was founded to grow the economic base of Downtown Denver through entrepreneurship.

We foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship to build a healthy, vital and inclusive center city.

We are committed to making Downtown Denver the very best place *anywhere* for diverse entrepreneurs to start and grow their businesses.



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Powered by the Downtown Denver Partnership

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Impact

- Increased entrepreneurial activity leading to new business creation in our center city.
- Reduced barriers for people of color, women, LMI and underserved in starting businesses.
- Greater awareness for ALL support, programs and funding available to entrepreneurs.

55k visitors + 11k entrepreneurs served

300+ network partners

105 businesses started last year

65%+ underserved/LMI entrepreneurs

70%↑ confidence in ability to succeed

95% Net Promoter Score

An integrated resource for entrepreneurs.

A profound catalyst for economic growth in Denver.



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A centralized common point of entry where everyone can find everything they need to start and grow a business.

Support tailored to each individual entrepreneur's journey.





9-Week Accelerator



Mentorship



Networking



Community Events



DEDO Advisors



Resource Network



Drop-in Coworking



Mobile Helpline

Accessible Integrated Inclusive Empowering

"like magic but real"



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In 2016, The Commons was awarded a national Kauffman Foundation Inclusion Challenge grant to advance the "Entrepreneurial Journey," an innovative program developed by The Commons team to recruit and train diverse entrepreneurs and support their businesses across sectors and industries. This program is now a national model for its unique integrated, public/private partnership approach to entrepreneurship.

Top Funders

JPMorgan Chase
Comcast
US Bank
Kauffman Foundation
Noble Energy



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DENVER

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
& OPPORTUNITY**

ADVISORY HOURS

1:1 Appointments
Workshops
"Connect to the City"
Information Sessions
M-F / Free
Walk-ins Welcome

BUILD YOUR BUSINESS

City Programs, Federal
Resources, Funding & Lending,
Patent & Trademarks, Startup
Navigation, Business Plans,
Manufacturing, State
Regulations & More!



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We're invested in entrepreneurial breakthroughs.

3 Year Plan

- Expand the Entrepreneurial Journey's neighborhoods, services and delivery models.
- Investors fully funding the Hub and Entrepreneurial Journey for 10,000+ entrepreneurs.
- Increase corporate/private sector support. General business support, mentorship and volunteer expertise are invaluable.
- Expand evaluation of impact and business activity.



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At The Commons, I get not only the resources I need to succeed but also a network of people who are working on their startups. Great workspace with an abundance of social capital. What more do you need?

Daniel Schmidt, Co-Founder of Topeea



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