

THE DENVER SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT FUND

Supplemental
RFQ
Information

WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY

- There is a need for back-office training and support for Denver small businesses
- Creative and customized financing is almost nonexistent; this fund has the opportunity to help businesses receive beneficial funding options paired with supportive services
- A gap analysis would be beneficial to inform the type of funding, technical assistance, and/or professional services needed

WHO ARE WE FUNDING?

- A variety of businesses and entrepreneurs for which this type of funding will level the playing field in Denver
- Though we anticipate any small business within a certain criteria to apply, the investment products and services should be created with BIPOC- and women-owned or otherwise historically under-resourced businesses and business sectors in mind
- Businesses and entrepreneurs must be located within the City & County of Denver with potential for more preference for those located in Denver's under-resourced neighborhoods

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It is not sustainable to continue teaching small business owners to 'be the CFO'.
-Roundtable Participant
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WHAT MAKES A GREAT PROPOSAL?

- Creative and customized solutions that ensure fair and appropriate capital is dispersed to Denver small businesses and entrepreneurs
- Flexible lending and investment terms which may include elements such as below-market interest rates, flexible repayment, higher risk portfolios, etc.
- Culturally-relevant business supportive and professional services such as technical assistance, marketing and outreach, translation services, business professional services, and beyond