

The Impact Partner Grant Program is a new grant program creating a partnership with local organizations to create a more equitable and sustainable impact throughout Raleigh's innovation. The program, which kicked off January 2019, provides grants to Impact Partners to help strengthen, develop, implement, and scale new or existing programs and resources to assist entrepreneurs, small businesses, and the local workforce in Raleigh. Out of the twenty applications received, five were identified as being a part of the initial award class.

- [Tech Talent South](#) will use the grant funding to create and run events to connect our areas tech and entrepreneurial community and help foster the inclusion of individuals with autism.
- [District C](#) will use the grant funding to support Project 84/50, an effort to recruit 84 new entrepreneurs, including 50 underrepresented Raleigh-based entrepreneurs.

- [Innovate Raleigh](#) will use grant funding to create a comprehensive Ecosystem Asset Map and Assessment tool to be used by local Economic Development teams to demonstrate Raleigh's robust Innovation Ecosystem.
- [Bunker Labs](#) will be creating the Veterans in Residence Program in Raleigh which is an 11-week boot camp for entrepreneurs to go from the ideation of business to a business plan worth presenting to an investor.
- [NC RIoT](#) will be focusing its program diversify the RIoT Accelerator Program, IoT Education, Smart City Coordination and Cluster Steering.



All recipients were approved \$25,000 for their programs for a total of \$125,000. A work session was held with the five Impact Partner Grant recipients on February 12 to discuss performance measures and develop a communication strategy to best share the effects the grant program has on the entrepreneurial community. Learn more about the [Impact Partner Grant Program](#).