



A New National Network from E Pluribus: Immigrant Entrepreneurship Peer Network

Why This Network Matters

Immigrant entrepreneurs are essential to thriving local economies. They launch restaurants, retail shops, childcare businesses, construction firms, professional services, and other Main Street enterprises that create jobs, activate commercial corridors, and strengthen communities. Immigrant entrepreneurs also play important roles in trucking, transportation and logistics, and computer software design firms. Many begin as microentrepreneurs, yet **too often face barriers that traditional small business systems are not designed to address**—from limited access to capital and trusted support to language barriers and unfamiliar business practices. Additionally, many immigrant business owners lack access and familiarity with small business programs and opportunities.

Communities that intentionally remove these barriers and that intentionally connect immigrant entrepreneurs to business support programs and resources create stronger entrepreneurial ecosystems and more vibrant local economies.

Who Should Join

The Immigrant Entrepreneurship Peer Network brings together practitioners from across the country who are working to make entrepreneurial ecosystems more inclusive of immigrants and who are actively fostering opportunities for immigrant entrepreneurs to connect with regional business support programs and resources. Participants include community-based organizations, welcoming initiatives, economic development organizations, financial institutions, local governments, universities, chambers of commerce, and other partners committed to helping immigrant entrepreneurs succeed, including existing small business support programs.

Whether your work is just beginning or well established, the Network offers a place to deepen your practice, learn from peers, and strengthen opportunities for immigrant entrepreneurs and the communities they call home.

What You'll Gain

This is more than a learning series—it's a national community of practice. Members build lasting relationships with peers facing similar challenges, exchange practical tools and resources, learn from successful models across the country, and leave with ideas they can apply in their own communities.

Together, we will explore topics such as:

- Designing immigrant-inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystems
- Expanding access to capital and financing for immigrant entrepreneurs
- Developing culturally and linguistically responsive outreach and trusted connector strategies
- Supporting entrepreneurs with diverse immigration statuses and legal considerations
- Building multilingual business resources and entrepreneurship curricula
- Strengthening pathways into public procurement and government contracting
- Supporting microenterprises, home-based businesses, and Main Street businesses at every stage of growth
- Advancing local and state policies that reduce barriers to immigrant entrepreneurship
- Promoting immigrant business districts, cultural corridors, and neighborhood commercial vitality
- Supporting businesses in this moment of mass deportation
- Sharing emerging models, tools, and promising practices from communities across the country

Logistics

Format: Virtual peer learning network

Deadline for Interest Form: Sept 28, 2026

Launch: October 2026

Meeting Schedule:

- Thurs, Oct 8 | 12:30-2pm ET
- Thurs, Nov 12 | 12-1pm ET
- Thurs, Jan 14 | 12-1pm ET
- Thurs, Feb 11 | 12-1pm ET
- Thurs, March 11 | 12-1pm ET
- Thurs, April 8 | 12-1pm ET
- Thurs, May 13 | 12-1pm ET

Cohort Size: Approximately 15 organizations from across the United States

Cost: Free to participate

Commitment: Participants are expected to actively engage in the Network by attending bi-monthly sessions, sharing experiences and promising practices, contributing to peer discussions, and completing brief surveys that help us evaluate and strengthen the Network over time.

Selection Process: For those interested in participating, please complete the Interest Form [\[link here\]](#). We will review submissions to select participants representing a diversity of organization types, geographies, experiences, and stages of small business work. We will also consider each organization's learning goals, current challenges, and interest in contributing to a collaborative learning environment.

Why E Pluribus?

E Pluribus is a national initiative advancing immigrant-inclusive economic development. Through peer learning networks, research, technical assistance, and field building, we connect practitioners across the country to strengthen local economies through immigrant inclusion. E Pluribus is a program of Global Detroit, which has developed experience leading peer networks around welcoming economies, international student retention, and immigrant startups over the past decade.