### **Albuquerque Living Cities**



- Founded in 1991, Living Cities works to build a new type of urban practice.
- The Integration Initiative is a 9-site effort supporting cities that are reshaping programs, policies, and resource allocation.
- Living Cities is backed by 22 of the world's largest foundations and financial institutions.



- Kauffman works to help individuals attain economic independence by advancing educational achievement and entrepreneurial success.
- Programs help entrepreneurs learn, grow, thrive, and scale through connection with each other, funding sources, and their local communities.
- In Albuquerque: Village Capital, 1 Million Cups, Mayor's Prize, Kauffman Ecosystem Mapping

### KAUFFMAN

The Foundation of Entrepreneurship

· We've worked with Living Cities since 2009 and Kauffman since 2014.

• Albuquerque is one of 4 second-round cities selected for Living Cities planning support and is now in the Implementation Phase.

• This support is for multi-sector, multi-initiative efforts for economic development, with emphasis on entrepreneurship, job creation and

economic mobility.

Leading philanthropists, researchers, policy makers, and businesses increasingly look to municipal leaders to fuel economic growth, emphasizing planning at the urban level not in Washington.

Mayors across the nation are asking:
How can we strengthen our
economy, increase job opportunities,
and help businesses thrive?

What does this mean?

We do this by developing a home-grown ecosystem that supports innovation and entrepreneurship.

## This "ecosystem" includes five key drivers critical to broad entrepreneurial success:



Culture of Entrepreneurship & Inclusion



Capital Development



Talent Development





Technology Commercialization



The drivers and efforts are considered for four entrepreneur types:



### How do we do this?

Through the Living Cities process of

### **Collective Impact**

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A process to address large-scale, complex challenges by bringing organizations from different sectors together with a common understanding, a common agenda, and a collective

and disciplined effort.

### So, what's so different about this?

It's not about starting a grab-basket of new programs and investments....

As Living City notes: "Too many places are program-rich and systems poor. If you don't address the system - you will never fix the problem."

# system.

Urban Planning

Regulatory Bodies

City Infrastructure

Government Policies

Funding Streams

Social Sector

Workforce Development

Education

Business

## Re-Engineering Systems

- Have a common vision
- Understand, map current state
- Hypothesize
- Test and measure
- Repeat

# A Innovative and Road Tested Approach Round 1 Sit

- Researched
- Invested
- Trialed

Round 1 Sites
Baltimore \* Minneapolis
Detroit \* Newark





Albuquerque Living Cities Integration Initiative brings together multi-sector investment, intelligence, and influence TO

realign resources of policies, systems, programs, and people

improve key economic indicators.

In short: Systems work for city prosperity





Widening Access Points to Capital for Low-Income Entrepreneurs

### The Challenge



#### A Need for Small Loans is Going Unmet

- High numbers of financially marginalized individuals (veterans, low-income individuals, women, people of color).
- Traditional and alternative lenders out of reach for those for those without good credit and collateral.
- Communities lose out as lack of capital holds back small

businesses, tradespeople, and college students.

That are ready to expand on their success

Who need new skills/equipment to further their careers

38% of the adult US population cannot readily receive personal or business credit

Who face an unexpected expense that could derail their education

### Co-Op Capital Results



