



# Washington Area Community Investment Fund (Wacif)

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## Cost

Free

## Business Stages Served

Start-up, Growth,  
Established/Maturity, Expansion

## Languages Offered

We only offer services in English

## Wards/Neighborhoods Served

Districtwide

## Business Assistance Services

Specialized Industries

Financing and Budgeting Services

Business Planning and  
Development Services

Human Resources Services

Space and Leasing Services

## Mission Description

The Washington Area Community Investment Fund's (Wacif) mission is to increase equity and economic opportunity in underserved communities in the Washington, DC area by investing knowledge, social, and financial capital in low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs. Their mission is driven by three strategic pillars: inclusive entrepreneurship, community wealth building, and equitable economic development, and is fulfilled by providing access to capital products and services, and capacity building technical assistance to low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs.

## Programs and Services

Wacif provides one-on-one advisory services, group sessions and events, and specialized programs and initiatives designed to help small businesses grow and create opportunity.

Their specialized programs include:

-Ascend Capital Accelerator Program serves entrepreneurs of color through a holistic, multi-week program. The hands-on approach includes interactive workshops, one-on-one consultations with world-class experts, and individualized support for entrepreneurs in the Greater Washington, D.C. region, as well as the surrounding counties in Maryland and Virginia.

-Enterprising Women of Color DMV Business Center offers robust business service including financial capital, business advisory services, and networking support.

-The Anacostia Arts Center serves as a hub for the arts, culture, and small businesses, utilizing its physical space to support and nurture the local arts and creative economy.

-The HIVE is an incubator program that provides co-working spaces and empowers small businesses through access to free workshops and networking opportunities.