



Table 3. Suggested Practices and Policies for Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Nurturing and Support

Solutions	Federal	State/Local	Private Sector
Continue championing NEI's network of nonprofit business support organizations and build their capacity to serve small businesses.	X	X	X
Improve the process for business certifications.	X	X	X
Connect with the public sector on an ongoing basis to play a larger role—at all levels of government—in providing data and information for decision making.	X	X	X
Expand NEI's role as a trusted leader and connector—provide an ongoing forum to develop policies and practices promote diversity, equity, and inclusion for small and micro businesses in underserved areas.	X		
Ensure the financial sustainability of business support organizations by galvanizing philanthropic, corporate, and/or public dollars to support them.		X	X
Educate small business owners on opportunities for procurement so they can become vendors to the public sector and larger private sector companies.		X	X
Continue to support networks of resource providers that support immigrant entrepreneurs.		X	X

Provide technical assistance, practical guidance, and knowledge-sharing opportunities across sectors—by creating a space for nonprofits, businesses, and philanthropy to collaborate with entrepreneurs and small business owners.	X	X
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Scale collaborative programs like Detroit Means Business and 313Strong, which has the potential to assist small and micro business owners to retain and grow jobs.		X
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