



CA RISE INCUBATOR PROGRAM:

Start Your Own Social Enterprise

PROGRAM FEATURES

In this program, incubator participants will clarify and validate their mission-aligned business idea, test feasibility, build internal alignment and leadership capacity, and prepare for business launch. Along the way, they'll have access to:

- Up to \$50,000 in launch funds
- A dedicated relationship manager
- Structured cohort-based training sessions and in-person convenings
- Individualized expert coaching
- REDF curriculum and tools
- Travel funds for in-person programming



CA RISE is a statewide initiative supporting California **employment social enterprises (ESEs)**, or *businesses that provide jobs, training, and support for people breaking through employment barriers.*

The CA RISE Incubator is a 15-month, cohort-based program to help California-based nonprofits to design, test, and pilot a new employment social enterprise.

ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS WILL

- Serve **Title 29 populations** (individuals facing barriers to employment)
- Are **not currently operating a revenue-generating business** and are interested in launching one
- Have **leadership capacity and financial stability** to explore earned revenue

You do **not** need to have a fully baked business plan to apply, but you should have a concept you're excited to explore and the capacity to test it.

PROGRAM TIMING While exact dates may vary, the anticipated timeline is:

Spring 2026
Application opens

Fall 2026 – Winter 2027
Core programming & experimentation

By Winter 2027
Pilot businesses launched



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