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CHICOSTART ANNOUNCES NEW OPENGRANTS.IO PORTAL

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 - Chico, CA: Chicostart is pleased to announce they have access to a grant platform tool called OPENGRANTS.IO. The platform is currently FREE to the business community through Chicostart.

<u>OpenGrants.io</u> is a single platform approach providing a grant search engine and marketplace of independent grant consultants and is self-titled "Netflix" of grants". This tool can help businesses find grants in line with your interests and needs based on your profile. This portal can help businesses also find an expert to help them search, apply for, and manage their grant.

What type of businesses and organizations in our region can benefit from this grant platform?

Funding Demand Side

- Grant seeking organizations, including startups, nonprofits and small businesses
- Consultants who can support grant demand, including grant writers and public funding experts

Funding Supply Side

- Grant making organizations, including government agencies and private foundations
- Other funding organizations, including VC's, angel syndicates and banks

"We're grateful that someone took a hard look at the unnecessary complexities of the grants market and decided to fix it. We value OpenGrants' ability to provide us timely information on

grants we otherwise wouldn't have time to look for. This helps us provide relevant info to our startups, partnerships and Chicostart. We're excited about our partnership with Opengrants - this tool will benefit the ecosystem we are creating for the region in both the short term and the future," said Eva Shepherd-Nicoll, Executive Director.

To access Chicostart's Opengrants.io please visit https://chicostart.com/programs/. For more questions and more information please email eva@chicostart.com.

About Chicostart:

Chicostart supports and enriches Northern California's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem by providing small business, entrepreneurs and startups the resources they need to succeed. Our platform includes shared office amenities, mentoring, workshops, internships, tech talks, student to business projects, entrepreneurial events, satellite office programs, and anything else that helps our core mission of helping startups succeed. As a GO-BIZ iHub for the Far North, the Chicostart ecosystem includes but is not limited to investors, technologists, entrepreneurs, students, educators, local businesses, agencies and mentors.