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## CHICOSTART AWARDED IHUB2 DESIGNATION FROM CALOSBA

**Chico, CA:** The **California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA)** recently announced that **Chicostart** is 1 of 10 grant recipients for the Inclusive Innovation Hubs (iHub2) program. Chicostart's designation covers over 20 counties in Northern California.

CalOSBA - "iHub2 designees offer diverse entrepreneurs the opportunity to develop and grow their innovative ideas by bridging the connection to local networks and communities and increasing access to critical advising and training services."

"We are grateful to be one of ten recipients of the 2022 Inclusive Innovation iHUB2 Network. Chicostart's focus will be to build the entrepreneurial ecosystem for equitable access to entrepreneurial resources with inclusive ecosystem expansion into our rural and diverse communities." - Eva Shepherd-Nicoll, Executive Director, Chicostart

## CalOSBA iHUB2 Press Release

California Inclusive Innovation Hub program (iHub2)

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**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. ###