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ChicoSTART Launches 7th *Accelerated By* Partnership with the City of Corning

August 28 , 2024 - Chico, CA: [ChicoSTART](#) is acclaimed for its commitment to nurturing startups, providing entrepreneurial resources, and fostering innovation to rural communities through the [CalOSBA Accelerate CA Inclusive Innovation Hub2 \(iHub2\)](#).

ChicoSTART announces the launch of its 7th *Accelerated by* Partnership with the City of Corning. Corning is located in Tehama County, just 1 of 17 designated CA Go-Biz Accelerated Inclusive Innovation Hub counties ChicoSTART is committed to serving by offering *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.*

Under this partnership, ChicoSTART will facilitate and provide subject matter expertise, mentorship, and access to resources to Corning's entrepreneurial and small business community. The intent is for the City of Corning to contribute to the North State entrepreneurial ecosystem, stimulating economic empowerment, job creation, innovation and talent.

Eva Shepherd-Nicoll, Executive Director, ChicoSTART says, "ChicoSTART's role is to bring entrepreneurial resources to rural areas. City of Corning, being our newest "Accelerated By" partner, has the foresight to connect their early stage entrepreneurs with resources, tools, programs and experienced mentors. ChicoSTART resources for Corning and all of Tehama County can help their community in all of those areas and more. We know how critical it is to help rural, low wealth and disaster impacted areas, and this is one of our core priorities. We could not do this without the support from CalOSBA's Accelerate CA Inclusive Innovation Hub

and Technical Assistance Programs that enables us to build the entrepreneurial ecosystem, and support other relevant providers, in our rural north state.”

Brant Mesker, City Manager, City of Corning states, “This partnership with ChicoStart will open doors for entrepreneurs and local business owners by offering mentorship and essential resources. It will foster job creation in our community and connect our workforce to meaningful careers, all with the aim of cultivating a resilient, thriving, productive, and prosperous citizenry.”

[City of Corning Business Resource Page Accelerated by ChicoSTART.](#)

For more about the City of Corning [CLICK HERE.](#)

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In 2023, ChicoSTART was 1 of 13 designated iHubs awarded the statewide Accelerate CA Inclusive Innovation Hub (iHUB2) grant from CalOSBA. ChicoSTART’s iHUB2 designation covers 17 counties in Northern California, focusing on building the regional entrepreneurial ecosystem for equitable access to entrepreneurial resources with inclusive ecosystem expansion into our **rural** and **diverse** communities.

About ChicoSTART: ChicoSTART supports and enriches Northern California’s entrepreneurial ecosystem by providing small businesses, entrepreneurs, and startups with 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.

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