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Indianapolis Makerspace wins grant funding from SBA's MaTCH Competition

RUCKUS says they will use the grant to expand training, programs and opportunities for entrepreneurs

INDIANAPOLIS – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has announced an Indianapolis based makerspace as a \$100,000 grant winner in its first [Makerspace Training, Collaboration and Hiring \(MaTCH\) Pilot Competition](#). RUCKUS Makerspace, located in an Opportunity Zone on the North Mass Ave Industrial Corridor of Indianapolis, serves as a place for artists, small manufacturers, and makers to utilize shared working space, individual working space, and shared tools and equipment.

*“The MaTCH competition illustrates how the Small Business Administration is committed to identifying employment opportunities and supporting small business’ workforce recruitment and retention,” said **SBA Indiana District Director Stacey Poynter**. “Makerspaces, like RUCKUS, are uniquely positioned to help innovate training for the workforces of today and tomorrow, and to help drive economic development.”*

RUCKUS will use the award to provide dedicated training such as one-on-one professional coaching, interpersonal coaching, and job placement services to complement day-to-day job skills training.

“The SBA MaTCH grant helps us tie together our training resources with neighboring job readiness programs and area manufacturer to meet industrial business needs, said RUCKUS Director & North Mass Program Manager Chelsea Humble. “Through our program’s intense focus on coaching, in addition to soft job training skills, we are hoping to supplement the high demand skill set we are providing to ensure appropriate job placement and success. Our program is built to complement the work of our neighbors and connect people to jobs in a way we haven’t been able to before. It is our intention to expand this work in the future and the SBA MaTCH grant allows us to grow in that direction.”

The SBA’s MaTCH Pilot Competition awarded grants according to the following tiers:

- **Seed:** up to \$25,000 will be awarded to seed small workforce development programs.
- **Proof of Principle:** up to \$100,000 will be awarded to grow programs with a proven history of training and/or workforce development.
- **Scale:** up to \$200,000 will be awarded for capacity building of successful existing programs with a strong history of training and/or workforce development. This winner would also have graduated participants in at least two training cycles

As a Proof of Principle winner, RUCKUS has been awarded a grant for \$100,000.

For more information about programs and resources for Indiana entrepreneurs and small business organizations, check out the SBA Indiana District Office website at www.sba.gov/in or follow us on Twitter [@SBA Indiana](https://twitter.com/SBA_Indiana).

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