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The UpTown Arts Entrepreneurship Initiative (AEI)

AEI is a small business development program designed for creative entrepreneurs in need of training and capital to launch or sustain arts enterprises, including craft- and food-based, fashion, entertainment and fine arts businesses.

How do I get started?

Contact Michelle Carlson, mcarlson@theartscommission.org, Programs Coordinator at The Arts Commission to register for an information session.

Can my business receive capital?

Yes! After completing workshops with The Arts Commission and receiving marketing assistance from The UpTown Association, participants will work with ECDI to access capital and one-on-one technical assistance.

Outcomes:

Arts focused revitalization of Uptown Toledo!

Access to capital for Uptown Businesses.

Specific training and technical assistance for fine arts businesses.

Marketing assistance from UpTown Association Financial literacy and training from small business development centers.

Participants are eligible for LISC's Twin Account Program to build credit & save money.

Partners:



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