



Region 12 Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program

Submission Process Checklist

- Review guidelines and eligibility criteria for Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator (CEA) Program as listed on the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies website.
- Download the referral form for the CEA grant application.
- Arrange a meeting with one of the designated Referral Partners for business plan review.

Not sure which Referral Partner you should reach out to?

If you already have a solid business plan, we encourage you to reach out to Katie Johnson at Bridgeway Capital. If you do not have or are looking for assistance in building a better business plan, please reach out to either Tim Bates at Saint Vincent College or Jeff Boldizar at Saint Francis University.

- Once you have a signed and approved referral form, your Referral Partner will invite you to complete the application.
- You will need to upload the following documents as part of your funding application.
 - Completed and signed referral form
 - Business plan
 - Project budget

Important Notes

- Eligible entrepreneurs must engage a Community Foundation for the Alleghenies Referral Partner in at least one consultation regarding a business formation or development activity.
- Referral Partners must determine the appropriateness of a referral to the Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program using the referral criteria.
- Referral of a creative entrepreneur to CFA does not guarantee that a grant award will be made; CFA will make final determinations based on eligibility and availability of funds.



Referral Partners



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