



Belong in Utah – Catalytic Investor Circle
Inviting Utah businesses to co-invest in a future where all people share prosperity and belong.

In partnership with EDCUtah, the Center for Economic Opportunity and Belonging (the Center) was founded in 2021 with support from visionary funders, including the Larry H. Miller & Gail Miller Family Foundation, the Walton Family Foundation, and the Jacquelyn & Gregory Zehner Foundation.

Our mission is to engage with communities of color and catalyze private, philanthropic and public partnerships to remedy racial disparities in economic opportunity, education, health, and housing in Utah.

In less than two years, the Center has established itself as a critical resource in identifying, elevating, and activating community-led solutions to address opportunity gaps in Utah. It has helped create critical infrastructure within state government, started meaningful public and private investments, and produced important qualitative and quantitative data to better inform policy and private investment decisions. The Center has also elevated belonging as a critical factor in fostering social cohesion. You can learn more about these accomplishments in our 2022 year-end report, available at www.edcutah.org/ceob.

On July 1, 2023, the Center will hit a new milestone: graduating from EDCUtah and operating as it's own independent 501c3 nonprofit. In the coming year, the Center will focus on increasing opportunities in K-12 education and economic mobility, including a focus on skills training and New American integration. These initiatives not only support Utah families, but they are also critical to maintaining a robust talent pipeline in Utah.

Since its founding, the work of the Center has been funded largely by family foundations. However, businesses have shown strong interest in co-investing in the future of Utah. Thus, the Center is creating the Belong in Utah Catalytic Investor Circle, inviting businesses to co-invest in the center and work collectively to close opportunity gaps. We invite 10 to 15 businesses to join the Circle in this first round. Investment in the Circle ranges from \$10,000 to \$30,000.

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