

#### Ready to break through the growth ceiling?

Get expert guidance to strengthen your leadership, scale sales, build investor-ready financials, and win bigger contracts.

The Breaking \$1M the Barrier Program, supported by the Nasdaq Foundation, is an exclusive opportunity for 25 growth-minded small businesses led by underresourced entrepreneurs in North Carolina and Georgia.

## This isn't just a program, it's a game changer!

This isn't just another accelerator, it's an 6-month growth journey to help you cross the \$1M milestone with confidence. Through this program you'll gain:

- 4 expert-led workshops: Operations, Capital Access, Sales & Marketing, and Contracting.
- Monthly 1:1 coaching with seasoned business experts.
- Peer Sessions for shared learning and accountability.
- **Self-paced LinkedIn Learning** aligned to each workshop.
- Clear **capital pathways** with mentor and funder connections.

Program: Nov 2025–April 2026 Commitment: ~6–8 hrs/month

## Volunteer experts in the Bpeace network like:

# JAMES JONES The JKT Financial Group, LLC

20+ years of expertise in C-level management and asset management helping companies streamline operations and successfully negotiate supplier contracts.

#### SONALI VANJANI GAP Inc..

Retail executive and business development professional skilled in Merchandise Planning, Trend Analysis, Customer Acquisition, Retail, and Brand Development.

## KATHLEEN DYER

KAT Exco

35+ years of experience leading major transformation initiatives spanning the healthcare, technology, telecommunication, education, government and nonprofit sectors.

#### **Our Goal?**

Help 25 underresourced businesses cross the \$1M milestone by equipping you with systems, strategy, and capital pathways.

## Who Should Apply?

Growth-ready businesses that are:

- Located in North Carolina or Georgia
- ✓ Generating \$300K–\$900K in annual revenue
- ✓ Led underresourced entrepreneurs
- Eager to scale, hire, and reinvest in their communities

\*\$150K - \$300K businesses are welcome to apply too

# Only 25 businesses will be selected. Will yours be one of them?

# APPLY NOW!

**DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31ST** 





