

Local's Guide

A collection of resources for cause leaders in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Find Community

Finding a group of like-minded people will go a long way towards helping you stay focused and dedicated to your cause. Chattanooga is a city of entrepreneurs — there are tons of people who have been where you've been, and who might have ideas to help you get past any issue you are dealing with.

- Causeway's Changemaker Facebook Group
- Startup Week
- Young Professionals of Chattanooga
- Creative Mornings
- 1 Million Cups
- Compañía

Build Your Knowledge

There are also lots of places to go in Chattanooga to find the specific knowledge you need as you are building your cause, from one-time office hours, online directories, and multi-week classes.

- SCORE
- CO.STARTERS
- CO.LAB
- Chamber of Commerce
- INCubator Resources
- LAUNCH
- United Way
- Venture Forward
- The Chatterry
- Soundcorps
- Rise Chattanooga
- Green Spaces
- La Paz

Additional Resources

There are also places and organizations that provide additional resources like free or affordable workspace or event spaces, and even an annual design-a-thon where selected causes can get free design work.

- Make A Mark Annual Make-a-Thon
- Make A Mark Branding Kit
- The Edney Floor 5
- 4th Floor of the Library
- INCubator Spaces
- Society of Work

Get Funded

Remember, it's not realistic or even necessary to have hundreds of thousands of dollars to get started on your cause. Starting small is the best way to test your idea, and strengthen it as you grow. You can use our Pilot Guide to help you do that. There are lots of places in Chattanooga where you can find funding. Some are for nonprofits, and some are for individuals. Some are for the arts, some are for education, and some are more open and broad. Some are based around pitch events, national days of giving, or rolling grant applications. Find the one that is right for you.

- UNfoundation
- ArtsBuild CCC Grants
- Community Foundation Non-profit Grants
- Sankofa Fund for Civic Engagement
- Kiva 0%-Interest Loans
- Will This Float Pitch Event
- CHAgives — Giving Tuesday
- PEF Fund for Teachers
- Junior League Mini Grants for teachers
- Unum Social Justice Fund
- CNE Small Dollar Loans
- TVFCU Idea Leap Grants
- United Way Neediest Cases Fund for Nonprofits