Comcast RISE Seeks Colorado BIPOC-Owned, Small Businesses for Technology and Marketing Services Awards Program

Applications for the next round of Comcast RISE due Friday, May 7

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Comcast RISE, a multi-year, multi-faceted initiative launched to help strengthen small businesses hard hit by COVID-19, is accepting applications through May 7, 2021. Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)-owned, Colorado small businesses are encouraged to apply for the chance to receive consulting, media, and creative production services from Effectv, the advertising sales division of Comcast Cable, or technology upgrades from Comcast Business, based on their specific needs.

The program has provided technology makeovers and marketing services to nearly 2,500 BIPOCowned small businesses. Comcast RISE launched in 2020 to give BIPOCowned, small businesses, from bakeries and barber shops to childcare centers and cleaning services, the tools needed to not just survive, but thrive. Local BIPOCowned small businesses are encouraged to review the eligibility details and apply at: www.comcastrise.com/apply/.

Since the program's inception, Comcast has announced 62 Colorado small businesses as Comcast RISE recipients. A few of the recipients include:

- Syn Ack Fin Network & Computer Services, LLC, Glendale, C.O.
- Bodies By Perseverance, Denver, C.O.
- Autosearch USA, Colorado Springs, C.O.
- BCM Global Technologies Consultants, Inc., Highlands Ranch, C.O.
- Different Strokes Pain n Sip Art Studio, Aurora, C.O.
- Sports Innovated Technology, Denver, C.O.

"We are a Colorado company through and through" said Antonio Wint, owner of Syn Ack Fin Network & Computer Services, LLC. "With our Comcast RISE package, we will be able to develop a stronger base in Colorado to begin expanding throughout the state."

Learn more about all Comcast RISE recipients in Colorado here.

Comcast RISE, which stands for "Representation, Investment, Strength and Empowerment," is part of a larger Diversity, Equity and Inclusion plan that Comcast **launched** last summer, which allocated \$75 million in cash and \$25 million in media over three years to fight injustice and inequality against any race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation or ability. Eligible businesses are able to apply for the following:

- Marketing Services: The following services from Effecty, the advertising sales division of Comcast Cable, and its creative agency, Mnemonic, are designed to help recipients with their marketing and media campaigns, including:
 - Media: A linear TV media campaign to run over a 90-day period.

- Creative Production: Turnkey 30-second TV commercial production, plus a media strategy consultation and 90-day media placement schedule.
- Consulting: Advertising and marketing consultations with local Effectv marketing, research and creative teams to gain insights on how to drive business.
- **Technology Makeovers**: The state-of-the-art equipment and technology upgrade from Comcast Business includes computer equipment as well as internet, voice and cybersecurity services for up to a 12-month period. (Taxes and other fees may still apply for technology makeover services.)

"Our shifting business landscape during COVID revealed some profound needs and gaps many of our local businesses are experiencing. We are seeing firsthand how the Comcast RISE program's marketing and technology resources are benefitting the business owners who are working hard to rise above 2020, as well as their neighbors who share their commercial corridors, and their suppliers and customers up and down their resource chains," said Leslie Oliver, Director of Media and External Communications, Comcast. "While no single organization can solve historic and systemic inequities overnight, we are committed to taking tangible actions to drive long-term impact and change."

In addition, all applicants will receive a monthly Comcast RISE newsletter with educational content, and all small business owners can visit the Comcast RISE destination on the X1 platform, which features aggregated small business news, tips, insights and more. The destination is designed to help businesses grow by empowering them through inspiration and entertainment. Just say "Comcast RISE" into the X1 voice remote.

Visit www.ComcastRISE.com to apply, for more information and the latest updates.

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