

NEXUS COMMUNITY PARTNERS

For the last 15 years, [Nexus Community Partners](#) has been dedicated to building more engaged and powerful communities of color. For Nexus, the key to building more engaged and powerful communities of color lies in the interconnectedness between authorship, leadership and ownership.

AUTHORSHIP

All community members are engaged in and have authorship of their lives and their futures.

LEADERSHIP

All community members are seen as leaders, have opportunities to grow their leadership, and can represent their communities.

OWNERSHIP

All community members are afforded multiple access points to generate wealth and to own the wealth they have helped generate.

COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING (OWNERSHIP)

NORTH STAR BLACK COOPERATIVE FELLOWSHIP

A cohort-based program that grounds participants in the local and national history of Black Cooperative Economics, while providing them with the technical skills, networks, and initiative support necessary to launch a cooperative.

The goal of North Star is to expand sustainable ownership opportunities and to build upon neighborhood assets to advance the economic well-being of Black folks in MN.

NEXUS COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP

A fellowship is for individuals and consultants of color who would like to become cooperative developers, organizations wanting to add cooperative development to their services or incubate a coop, and other professionals (e.g. lawyers, capital providers) who are interested in supporting cooperative development.

The goal is to expand the network of cooperative leaders from cultural communities in order to build community wealth and grow the cooperative sector in the Twin Cities.

WORKER OWNERSHIP INITIATIVE

A bold effort to change the face of business by promoting worker ownership. The Initiative builds community wealth, grows the region's economy, and encourages workplace democracy. It advances worker ownership by seizing opportunities presented by the wave of retiring business owners in the Twin Cities.

Nexus is developing relationships between the private sector, community organizations, capital investors, workers, policymakers, and technical assistance providers to build out an infrastructure that positions underrepresented communities to reap the benefits of business conversions.

GOVERNMENT EQUITY STRATEGY

Growing and cultivating public sector support is essential to maximize the transformative potential of the CWB ecosystem. Nexus convenes, bridges, and educates public sector officials across the country around CWB to effectively advocate for cooperative-friendly policies, eliminate policy-based barriers, increase funding, and shift systems.

