

# Center for Community-Based Enterprise

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## Mission

The Center for Community Based Enterprise, Inc. (“Center”) links entrepreneurs with underutilized local resources to develop locally rooted businesses paying living wages.

## Vision

The Center’s vision is to make the City of Detroit a “national applied innovation lab” for community based wealth creation strategies. The Center is a non-profit dedicated to developing, prototyping and launching community-wealth building strategies, and an education resource. We bring together skilled people, technology, intellectual property, business, education and natural resources, especially in aging industrial centers, to create locally rooted businesses, making proprietary products or providing services that support living wages. We are an education and consulting resource for best practices from around the world.

## The Center’s Key Strategies to Promote Community Based Enterprises:

- Stimulate the creation of new (and aid existing) businesses, committed to long-term local ownership, by seeking out local resources, coordinating and developing relationships to provide a launching pad for new entrepreneurs;
- Provide a shared entrepreneurship resource, and hands-on training through employee ownership, to help skilled dislocated workers develop entrepreneurship attitudes and skills,
- Support, organize and strengthen existing locally rooted businesses;
- Seek synergies, foster co-operation and encourage local buying between existing and new local businesses;
- Create and disseminate leading-edge knowledge on community-based enterprises, including research, publication, education and outreach on legal and business structures and best practices.

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## Definition of “Community Based Enterprise”

A community based enterprise” (CBE) is a locally owned for-profit or non-profit business enterprise with a sustainable revenue model, intentionally structured to create community benefits, increased family asset equity, and to be “rooted” in a specific community through its ownership structure, business model, or by-laws.

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