

**Isaac Coleman Community Innovation Grants  
Application Summary Sheet**

<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>Asheville Buncombe Institute of Parity Achievement</b>
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<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ABIPA Cares Cooperative</b>
Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABIPA offices at 56 Walton Street in the Southside Community</li> </ul>
Shared Aspiration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a worker-owned co-op to address the social determinants of health, specifically around education and economics, by providing training opportunities leading to Living Wage employment and entrepreneurship to build wealth among community members</li> </ul>
Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>ABIPA</u>: train, hire, and coordinate co-op members</li> <li>• <u>Self Help Credit Union</u>: connection to local, regional and national organizations involved in cooperative business development and funding; financial literacy training to workers</li> <li>• <u>Mountain Biz Works</u>: business plan development support, technical support in building the cooperative business, business training to worker-owners</li> <li>• <u>Other</u>: Spark Tank (local organization of business service providers); New Economy Coalition (local group addressing different models for building wealth and economic development)</li> </ul>
Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structure the co-op as a for profit arm of ABIPA to support the organization's economic sustainability while also building wealth among community members</li> </ul>
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased employment, improved social determinants of health</li> </ul>
Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests financial literacy coaching, Training on cooperative development, Technical support</li> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "It is important to realize that this educational and economic innovation is designed to be a support to the current work of ABIPA addressing the social determinants of health by providing complementary services to our current health community health worker model."</li> </ul>