Creative People Solve Problems

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Impact investments are investments made with the intention to generate positive, measurable social and environmental impact alongside a financial return.

The creative economy is a way of thinking and doing that revitalizes manufacturing, services and retailing through a focus on art, culture, design, and innovation.
$12 trillion in the United States — 25% of all assets under management — is invested for social responsibility and impact.

More than 125 businesses, funds and real estate projects in the creative economy seek $3+ billion of impact capital to grow in a way that is inclusive, equitable and sustainable.
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That’s where we come in.
Upstart Co-Lab helps impact investors who love art, design, culture, heritage and creativity invest in Ethical Fashion, Social Impact Media, Sustainable Food, Other Creative Businesses and Creative Places.
Upstart Co-Lab already made the case for impact investing in the creative economy

- **grabbed headlines in**
  - The New York Times
  - Forbes
  - Fast Company

- **garnered support from big philanthropy including**
  - Ford Foundation
  - The Knight Foundation
  - The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
  - Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
  - The Rockefeller Foundation
  - Rockefeller Brothers Fund

- **mobilized $10 million of impact capital working with partners**
  - Local Initiative Support Corporation
  - Purpose Ventures
  - Shift Capital
  - Calvert Foundation
Now, Upstart Co-Lab — working with donor advised funds, private foundations and endowed cultural institutions — will make the market for creativity and positive, measurable social and environmental impact

- build a community of investors who believe in the power of creativity to drive significant social impact
- define creativity, social impact and investment goals
- track impact investment opportunities and trends in the creative economy
- mobilize impact capital for the creative economy
- analyze financial performance and social impact in the creative sector
- conduct research and report insights to the field
For arts lovers wanting to understand impact investing in the creative economy

- **Learning:** participate in 4 conference calls per year, special events, and an annual meeting; receive periodic communications with the latest on impact investing in the creative economy

- **Access:** review all impact investment opportunities tracked by Upstart Co-Lab; connect with the entrepreneurs driving social impact in the creative economy through meetings and site visits

- **Anchor opportunities:** be the first to know about new investment vehicles making it easier to target impact capital to the creative economy

  **Multi-year donation/grant of $50,000 per year for 3 years ($150,000 total)**
For impact investors wanting to do more aligned with art, design, culture, heritage and creativity

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- **Co-creation:** help develop new investment vehicles making it easier to target impact capital to the creative economy, and participate as founding investors

- **Leadership:** share your experience investing with a creativity lens through public speaking, media interviews and conference events; pioneer impact investing in a new segment of the economy

**Multi-year donation/grant of $100,000 per year for 3 years ($300,000 total)**
Upstart Co-Lab also works with nonprofit and mission-driven for-profit partners to explore new social impact investment vehicles

• a socially-themed Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) of public equities aligned with the values of the inclusive creative economy

• a working capital fund for global artisan businesses

• a national fund supporting creative places and creative businesses in low income communities/Opportunity Zones

Seeking foundation grants for research and development
To learn more about Upstart Co-Lab and impact investing in the creative economy visit www.upstartco-lab.org.

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Upstart Co-Lab

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THROUGH THE CREATIVE ECONOMY, INVESTORS CAN back woman entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs of color create on-ramps to economic opportunity in low income communities grow quality 21st century jobs for middle skill workers connect ethical, sustainable supply chains with educated consumers bring diverse, culturally-authentic stories to the big and small screen