

InnovatorsOC

Mission Statement

Innovators in Our Community (IOC) invests in individuals and organizations in Southern California who are working in innovative ways to create self-sustaining enterprises that address social problems by becoming effective agents of positive community and economic impact. We achieve this goal by providing access to expertise, mentorship, strategic partnerships and financial resources.

Core Beliefs

Personal Commitment to Social Enterprise

Team Effort

Focus on Accountability and Results

Initiatives

Excellent Schools OC (eSOC)
Support for Charter Schools

Teen Prize
Social Entrepreneurship Challenge

Get Involved

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What is InnovatorsOC?

Innovators in Our Community (IOC) brings together community leaders to support social entrepreneurs in Southern California. Who is a social entrepreneur? An entrepreneur who is creating a venture (non-profit or for-profit) that is trying to solve a social problem. With IOC, community leaders fulfill the same role as investors by giving social entrepreneurs time and funding to launch new enterprises, as well as mentoring to guide them through the launch and growth cycles. IOC is designed to help social enterprises reach escape velocity and run sustainably.

IOC has assembled a fund based on the contributions of members and then selects appropriate community social impact projects. The entities can be either for-profit or not-for-profit; IOC identifies projects where its support is essential.

How Does IOC Work?

IOC is streamlined so that funding and efforts will go to the social enterprises that are being supported. Each member contributes \$5,000 per year, which is used as seed money for our initiatives. IOC is not just looking for donors; it is looking for donors who will also make the time commitment as mentors.

We Need You:

As someone who cares deeply about the future of the community, you have supported many good causes with your time and money. We invite you to take your commitment one step further by also sharing your expertise and mentoring with the new generation of social entrepreneurs in Southern California. You know from experience that these ventures need not only funding and committed volunteers, but also management guidance and vision. IOC is stepping in to fulfill that role and we are reaching out to you, as a community leader, to join us in that effort.