



# ACCELERATE — — CALIFORNIA

## INCLUSIVE INNOVATION HUBS

## 2025 Innovation Grant Award Recipients

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4th State Energies (SiLi-ion, Inc.); Riverside, Riverside County

*Innovation:* Replaces 100% of the graphite in lithium-ion batteries while increasing energy density by 40 percent using ultra-small silicon nanoparticles, delivering the highest energy performance at the lowest cost.

- Award: \$75,000
- Website: <https://www.4thState.com>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [InSoCal Accelerator Hub](#)

Alleo Labs Corp.; Berkeley, Alameda County

*Innovation:* Developing new therapies for neurological diseases and disorders with a first-in-class USP15 inhibitor that comprehensively treats Parkinson's disease with minimal side effects.

- Award: \$50,000
- Website: <https://www.alleolabs.com/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [The Brink](#)

ArbourMoney, LLC; San Francisco, San Francisco County

*Innovation:* Provides real-time peer-to-peer and peer-to-business payment solutions to individuals and businesses and offers instant, low-cost transactions that outperform ACH, Zelle, and PayPal with proprietary fraud detection.

- Award: \$50,000
- Website: <https://www.arbourmoney.com>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Kern Inclusive Entrepreneurship Hub](#)

Ascender Systems Inc.; Poway, San Diego County

*Innovation:* Developing autonomous climbing robotics and modular sensing technology that rapidly restores communications and awareness using existing infrastructure.

- Award: \$100,000
- Website: <https://ascendersystems.com/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [The Brink](#)

B3 Broadband LLC; Fresno, Fresno County

*Innovation:* Provides high-speed fixed-wireless internet to broadband deserts for small- business and residential customers; also provides digital inclusion programs (device loans, literacy workshops).

- Award: \$100,000
- Website: <https://www.b3broadband.com>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Kern Inclusive Entrepreneurship Hub](#)

Deeper Breath; Ventura, Ventura County

*Innovation:* Developing smart personal protective equipment (PPE) with embedded artificial intelligence for defense, industrial and consumer use.

- Award: \$50,000
- Website: <https://deeperbreath.ai/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Economic Development Collaborative - Ventura County](#)

Domina Therapeutics Inc.; Oakland, Alameda County

*Innovation:* Developing a novel therapeutic discovery platform based on neural network communication designed to reverse cognitive decline for cognitive disorders such as Alzheimer's disease.

- Award: \$100,000
- Website: <https://www.dominatherapeutics.com>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Economic Development Collaborative - Ventura County](#)

Evil Genius Games Inc.; San Mateo, San Mateo County

*Innovation:* Pioneering the digitization of tabletop roleplaying games by combining blockbuster-licensed games with an online platform.

- Award: \$25,000
- Website: <https://www.evilgeniusgames.com>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Plug-In Ventures](#)

Fact Hub; Beverly Hills, Los Angeles County

*Innovation:* Developing an AI-powered fact-checking and news aggregation platform that delivers tailored, concise, and consolidated news feeds.

- Award: \$50,000
- Website: <https://facthubit.com/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Economic Development Collaborative - Ventura County](#)

Hammerloop LLC; Tiburon, Marin County

*Innovation:* Developing a mobile-first bilingual platform to address labor shortages and serve underserved Spanish-speaking workers, connecting 10.2 million construction workers with employers by trade and location.

- Award: \$50,000
- Website: <https://www.hammerloop.com>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Kern Inclusive Entrepreneurship Hub](#)

Health Trend Social LLC; Moorpark, Ventura County

*Innovation:* Supports holistic healthcare within community and disadvantaged populations by integrating Social Determinants of Health data with AI to help healthcare facilities comply with mandated measures.

- Award: \$25,000
- Website: <https://www.healthtrendsocial.com>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Heal.LA Accelerate CA Hub - Powered by Larta Institute](#)

HexHomes LLC; Riverside, Riverside County

*Innovation:* Manufactures an affordable, sustainable alternative to traditional modular housing with mass-produced 225 sq. ft. hexagonal pods that can be tiled and connected to create customized homes in under 3 weeks.

- Award: \$25,000
- Website: <https://HexHomes.co>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [InSoCal Accelerator Hub](#)

Hikari Medical Technologies LLC; Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County

*Innovation:* Developing a first-in-class, minimally invasive precision drug dosing and monitoring wearable device that provides personalized control over when, where, and how much medication is released in the body.

- Award: \$50,000
- Website: <https://www.hikarimedical.com/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Economic Development Collaborative - Ventura County](#)

Kenji Health Inc.; Santa Monica, Los Angeles County

*Innovation:* Supports mental health, behavioral health, or creative health programs by combining an AI patient companion with an outcomes measurement platform to help organizations justify funding and improve mental health impacts.

- Award: \$25,000
- Website: <https://kenji.health/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Heal.LA Accelerate CA Hub - Powered by Larta Institute](#)

Kirabo Equity; Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

*Innovation:* Leverages AI to combine budgeting, investing, and financial education with the aim of making money management effortless and accessible for people building first-time generational wealth.

- \$25,000
- Website: <https://www.kiraboequity.com/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Plug-In Ventures](#)

Keystone Therapeutics; San Diego, San Diego County

*Innovation:* Developing a proprietary platform for Targeted Drug Carriers (TDCs) that accumulate in tumors and release drugs directly at the cancer site, enabling effective treatment with smaller doses and minimizing harm to healthy tissues.

- Award: \$25,000
- Website: <https://www.keystonesciences.com/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [The Brink](#)

Looks for Lease Technologies; Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

*Innovation:* Supports the development of a circular economy in fashion with a comprehensive SaaS platform that allows retailers & brands to adopt a rental business model.

- Award: \$75,000
- Website: <https://looksforlease.com/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Chapman University's Leatherby Center for Entrepreneurship and Business Ethics](#)

Majic Dynasty LLC (Quest Craft); Irvine, Orange County

*Innovation:* Combines tabletop role-playing games with social-emotional and academic learning pedagogy for K-8 classrooms.

- Award: \$75,000
- Website: <https://www.majicdynasty.com/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Chapman University's Leatherby Center for Entrepreneurship and Business Ethics](#)

MisTee Wants to Know, Inc.; San Jose, Santa Clara County

*Innovation:* Created a proprietary electric device that discharges a softening mist and helps people quickly detangle curly/coily hair and achieve healthy hair and scalp.

- Award: \$50,000
- Website: <https://www.misteepro.com/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Kern Inclusive Entrepreneurship Hub](#)

Need2Say; Irvine, Orange County

*Innovation:* Developing a real-time voice translation platform for construction, manufacturing, logistics, and healthcare; the platform lets safety managers communicate with workers in their

native language accounting for accents and dialects from rural Mexico to Alabama. Every exchange is documented for legal and OSHA compliance.

- Award: \$50,000
- Website: <https://need2say.com/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Chapman University's Leatherby Center for Entrepreneurship and Business Ethics](#)

Nereid Biomaterials Inc.; Goleta, Santa Barbara County

*Innovation:* Developing plastics for the commercial marine sector that degrade rapidly into harmless carbon dioxide and water in the ocean, avoiding microplastic pollution while maintaining functionality during use.

- Award: \$50,000
- Website: <https://nereidbio.com>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Economic Development Collaborative - Ventura County](#)

Nutrible DBA ThriveLink; Irvine, Orange County

*Innovation:* Developing a telephonic platform that lets underserved populations apply for healthcare and government programs like SNAP, Medicaid, and LIHEAP using their voices in place without having to go online or read paper forms.

- Award: \$25,000
- Website: <https://www.mythriveink.com/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Plug-In Ventures](#)

PeraWatt Energy Inc.; Berkeley, Alameda County

*Innovation:* Developing a magnetic material that can significantly increase power efficiency in AI data centers, electric vehicles, and renewable energy systems – all without using any critical minerals or rare earth metals.

- Award: \$100,000
- Website: <https://perawatt.com/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Humanmade](#)

Plumas Wood Fiber LLC; Quincy, Plumas County

*Innovation:* Developing a process for transforming Western forest biomass into a potting product for horticulture, a process not done in Western forests at any scale before.

- Award: \$50,000
- Website: <https://www.plumaswoodfiber.com>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Chico Start](#)

Ponderosa.ai Inc.; Chico, Butte County

*Innovation:* Developing AI-enabled fire suppression drone swarms to be pre-positioned in high-risk areas so first responders can arrive at new wildfires within minutes.

- Award: \$25,000
- Website: <https://ponderosa.ai>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Chico Start](#)

Quantum Energy; Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County

*Innovation:* An energy impact analytics platform to help clean energy developers reduce project delays, costs and risks and help corporate energy buyers procure projects that financially pencil and make maximum impact.

- Award: \$100,000
- Website: <https://www.quantum-ec.com>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Economic Development Collaborative - Ventura County](#)

Rare Flora Inc.; Riverside, Riverside County

*Innovation:* Rare Flora develops specialized plants that remove contaminants from polluted soil, achieving a 50 percent reduction in toxicity over 5 years compared to existing methods.

- Award: \$25,000
- Website: <https://www.rareflora.bio>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [InSoCal Accelerator Hub](#)

Real Good Soil; Butte Valley, Butte County

*Innovation:* Transforms fire-prone forest biomass into biochar and regenerative soil products through vertically integrated operations.

- Award: \$100,000
- Website: <https://emergence.us/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Chico Start](#)

ReBlood Rx Inc.; La Jolla, San Diego

*Innovation:* Developing a blood substitute compatible with all blood types and shelf-stable for up to two years that will address blood shortages in the veterinarian and human surgical/trauma markets.

- Award: \$100,000
- Website: <https://rebloodrx.com/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Economic Development Collaborative - Ventura County](#)

Red Line Safety; Greenwood, El Dorado County

*Innovation:* Delivers breakthrough wearable and off-grid communication technology that gives first responders real-time location, health, and environmental intelligence in any operating environment.

- Award: \$50,000
- Website: <https://www.redlinesafety.com/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Chico Start](#)

Seedorina USA LLC; Riverside, Riverside County

*Innovation:* Developing precise seeding robots that help small family farmers stay competitive and address labor shortage challenges while reducing waste by up to 50 percent.

- Award: \$75,000
- Website: <https://www.seedorina.com>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [InSoCal Accelerator Hub](#)

Sigma Healthsense Inc.; Marina Del Rey, Los Angeles County

*Innovation:* An AI-powered remote patient monitoring platform for seniors aged 65+ that integrates medication adherence tracking and care coordination with Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement codes to improve health outcomes.

- Award: \$25,000
- Website: <https://www.sigmahealthsense.com/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Heal.LA Accelerate CA Hub - Powered by Larta Institute](#)

Solir Energy Solutions; Auburn, Placer County

*Innovation:* Created ThermeShade, a fire-rated, retrofit interior window technology that reduces solar heat gain, providing affordable energy efficiency and thermal comfort for commercial buildings.

- Award: \$75,000
- Website: <https://www.solir.io/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Chico Start](#)

Super Foam Corp.; Riverside, Riverside County

*Innovation:* Creating foam based on a patented formulation offering twice the impact protection with an ecofriendly manufacturing process.

- Award: \$100,000
- Website: <https://www.superfoamcorp.com>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [InSoCal Accelerator Hub](#)

VULVAi; Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

*Innovation:* Leverages AI to help users recognize, track, and understand vulvar and pelvic symptoms early, bridging the gap between lived experience and clinical care.

- Award: \$25,000
- Website: <https://www.vulvai.co>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Plug-In Ventures](#)

WallRise LLC; San Francisco, San Francisco County

*Innovation:* Manufactures ergonomic, wall-mounted sit-stand desks that fold away to save space and boost work/life balance.

- Award: \$50,000

- Website: <https://wallrisedesk.com/>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Humanmade](#)

WePair Health Inc.; Pasadena, Los Angeles

*Innovation:* Developing a workforce platform that verifies, trains, and deploys Community Health Workers and doulas and streamlines hiring, documentation, and reimbursement-compliance across federal and state programs.

- Award: \$25,000
- Website: <https://www.wepairhealth.com>
- Accelerate CA Hub: [Plug-In Ventures](#)

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