

Co-op Start-up Resources

“How To” information

Worker Co-op Start-up Resources www.institute.coop/startup

“How to start a worker co-op” from the Network of Bay Area Co-ops (aka NoBAWC)
www.nobawc.org/how-to-start-a-worker-co-op

Fifty by Fifty (supports employee ownership) www.fiftybyfifty.org

USDA – “How to start a cooperative” <http://rd.usda.gov/files/CIR45-14.pdf>

Financing

For worker co-ops

WACIF www.wacif.org

The Working World TheWorkingWorld.org

For various types of co-ops

Capital Impact Partners www.CapitalImpactPartners.org

Shared Capital Cooperative [Shared Capital.coop](http://SharedCapital.coop)

Books on financing a start-up

[Raise Capital on Your Own Terms](#) – by Jenny Kassan

[Practicing Law In The Sharing Economy](#) (*Helping People Build Cooperatives, Social Enterprises, and Local Sustainable Economies*) – by Janelle Orsi

[Raising Dough – The Complete Guide to Financing a Socially Responsible Food Business](#) – by Elizabeth Ü

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Lawyers, law firms:

Jason Wiener P.C. JRWiener.com

Gilmore Khandar LLC, Baltimore GilmoreKhandar.com

Sustainable Economy Law Center www.theselc.org

Jenny Kassan (for raising capital) www.jennykassan.com

Cooperative Associations

National Cooperative Business Association & Cooperative League USA www.ncbaclusa.coop

US Federation of Worker Cooperatives www.USworker.coop

Potomac Association of Housing Cooperatives (low-equity co-ops)
www.potomacassoc.org

DC Cooperative Housing Coalition (market rate co-ops) www.coopscdc.org

Support organizations

Democracy At Work Institute www.Institute.coop

Cooperative Development Foundation CDF.coop

DC Cooperative Stakeholders Group www.DCstakeholders.coop

Baltimore Roundtable for Economic Democracy, aka BRED baltimoreroundtable.org

Columinate (consultants) www.Columinate.coop

Keystone Development Center www.KDC.coop

Small Business / Entrepreneur Support

DC Department of Small and Local Business Development, aka DSLBD dslbd.dc.gov

Cureate & their podcast “The Tidbit” - www.Cureate.co & www.cureate.co/thetidbit (useful to all types of businesses, but especially for those involving food or beverages)