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WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS AND ACCESS TO CAPITAL

ABOUT WBC

The Women Business Collaborative is an unprecedented alliance of over 73 women's business organizations collaborating together to accelerate the pace of change. We are also a movement of millions of executives, business organizations, public and private companies, and the media. We reach our goals by collaborating and coordinating, amplifying and aggregating best practices and thought leadership against Nine Action Initiatives as areas to accelerate change. The Women Entrepreneurs and Access to Capital Action Initiative accelerates women's ability to attain financial resources while collaborating amongst each other and creating strong networks.

VISION

Success is the ability of more women to access venture capital to accelerate their growth, and to have the opportunity to work with a larger number of women-owned venture capital (VC) firms who are focused on helping women raise the dollars they need to achieve growth.

The Women Entrepreneurs and Access to Capital group has a laser focus on increasing the revenues of businesses owned by women of color. Each partner organization has a focus on increasing participation and membership among women of color, and the initiatives to accelerate growth and increase access to capital are also targeted to women entrepreneurs of color.

OUTLOOK

According to Pitchbook, US startups founded solely by women raised nearly \$6.4 billion of venture funding in 2021, 83% higher than the total raised in 2020. One contributing factor might be the slight increase in the number of women sitting on the investor side. In 2019, only 12% of US-based checkwriters were women. In 2021, that increased to 15.4%. CNBC reported that women-founded companies are outperforming the market, with their value rising 143.6% from 2020.

Women of color are starting businesses at a faster rate than businesses owned by other women; however, average revenues for businesses owned by women of color continue to lag behind. 42% of newly created women-owned businesses are started by black women. Latinx women represent 31% of newly created women-owned businesses, yet only 4% of the female founders who raised equity financing were black and only 2% were Latinx.

GOALS

- 20% increase in women-owned businesses generating \$5 million or more by 2025.
- The average revenues for minority women-owned firms grow by 25% by 2025.
- The percentage of venture capital available to women founders doubles by 2025 from 2.3% in 2018.

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