

## Closing the Gender Wealth Gap Forum: Exploring Models of Shared Wealth

To learn more about legislation and support programs mentioned during the forum, we recommend you check out the following resources:

### Keep up with our speakers!

Terrell Cannon, Director of Training, [Home Care Associates](#)

- **Read** [about the recent national convening on Worker Ownership at the White House on July 25th.](#)

Mo Manklang, Policy Director, [U.S. Federation of Worker Cooperatives](#)

- **Read** [State of the Worker Cooperative Sector](#), a 2021 report from U.S. Federation of Worker Cooperatives and the Democracy at Work Institute on the state of worker-owned business sector.
- **Attend** the [Worker Co-op Startup Webinar](#) (monthly, next one is Aug 14th!) if you are interested in starting a worker cooperative.
- **Join** the US Federation of Worker Cooperatives, [find](#) worker cooperatives in the U.S.

Ana Martina Rivas, Co-Founder and Worker-Owner Member, [Colmenar Cooperative Consulting](#)

- **Read** [Guía De Educación Financiera para Cooperativas LLC](#), a Spanish-only resource guide for cooperatives.

Corey Reidy, Co-op Developer, [Philadelphia Area Cooperative Alliance](#)

- **Find** and support Philly's cooperatives

## On Funding and Technical Support

[Attend the Worker Co-op Conference](#), Sept 12-14, 2024 in Chicago

- [Philadelphia Public Banking Coalition](#), effort to establish a public bank in Philly
- [Fund for Jobs Worth Owning](#), cooperative investment fund from the ICA group
- [Seed Commons](#), cooperative funding for cooperatives!
- [Solidarity Economy Funding Library](#), a resource compiled by the New Economy Coalition filled with cooperative-aligned funders and funding opportunities.
- [Democratic Management: A Practical Guide for Managers and Others](#) from the Democracy at Work Institute
- [Working With Small Business Cooperatives: A Guide for Public Sector, Private Sector, and Nonprofit Allies](#) by Margaret Lund

## Legislative Efforts

- US Federation of Worker Cooperatives. [The USFWC applauds the spotlight on worker co-ops in the Chips and Science Act](#). August 9, 2022. Read about the **Chips and Science Act**, legislation fostering worker cooperative growth in tech and manufacturing.
- US Federation of Worker Cooperatives. [Two federal bills introduced to expand access to SBA programs for worker owned businesses](#). November 22, 2022. Learn about recent updates to the **2018 MSEO**A (Main Street Employment Ownership Act), meant to create access to Small Business Administration programs for worker-owned businesses.
- Rosen, Corey. [Major Wins for Employee Ownership in New Spending Bill](#). August 3, 2023. National Center for Employee Ownership Blog. Learn about **Worker Ownership, Readiness, and Knowledge (WORK) Act**, the most important pro-employee ownership legislation since the legislation in the 1990s.
- National Cooperative Business Association CLUSA International. [Leveling the Playing Field: Access to Cooperative Business Financing in SBA 7\(A\) Program](#). 2022. Advocacy efforts to change the Small Business Administration personal loan guarantee requirement, so that collectively-owned businesses can qualify for their funding programs.