Notes from CEDS forum discussion: Small Business, 9/4

Framing what is a small business: 10 or fewer employees

* Stage, Size and Sector make for different needs

Opportunities/Challenges:

* Creating a repository of tools
	+ For businesses to find financing
		- Knowing where to go
		- Knowing if you’re qualified and how to pursue opportunity
	+ For employees to navigate system of pay vs. benefits
* Capacity to offer livable wages
	+ Healthcare continues to be a barrier to hiring and keeping business afloat
	+ So is affordable daycare…
	+ And transportation
		- These three create particular difficulty for small businesses in sparsely populated areas
* Business succession: capturing value
* Capacity is still an issue for small business: Time & Capital
	+ Getting to market is often a struggle
	+ Mentorship is valuable
	+ There’s interest in coworking

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