



Austin Cooperative Business Association

Expanding Cooperative Business in Central Texas

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Austin Cooperative Business Association, ACBA, is a joint project between Austin-area cooperatives and the National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA CLUSA) that aims to benefit and expand cooperative businesses in Central Texas.

The ACBA plans to help increase the membership and profitability of cooperative businesses, connect compatible cooperatives and raise awareness of the benefits of cooperatives among consumers including economic development organizations and state and local governments. Cooperatives have played a vital role in the Austin area's economic growth and resiliency. They have provided necessary goods and services like food, housing, financing and utilities to members in our region since the 1930s. Cooperatives reinvest profits in the business and members.

While each co-op has a unique mission and membership, there is a shared set of values:

1. **Self-help**
2. **Self-responsibility**
3. **Democracy**
4. **Equality**
5. **Equity**
6. **Honesty**
7. **Openness**
8. **Social responsibility**
9. **Solidarity**
10. **Caring for others**

Together we can make it easier to start and grow cooperatives, create more cooperative jobs and improve the lives of cooperative members throughout our region. All cooperatives in the Austin area are eligible to join.

Membership In ACBA ...

Offers exciting new opportunities for cooperatives of all types and sizes to join in the larger conversation about growth and economic development within the local cooperative community.

Founding Members:

College Houses Cooperative
ICC Austin
Wheatsville Food Co-op
Blackstar Co-op
Cornerstone Credit Union League

Cross Sector Collaboration Uncommon Power... Common Purpose

Cooperative businesses focus on meeting the needs of their members with quality goods and services while providing quality jobs for their employees. The cooperative model is ideal for members and employees because it holds their best interests as its goal. ACBA seeks to provide cooperative solutions to meet all the needs of Central Texas residents.

What is ACBA?

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