

## Five COVID Questions to Ask Economic Development Partners

1. What challenges are large employers in our community/region encountering? Small employers?
2. What resources are available to support those small and large employers? How are resource providers responding? What is working? What is not working?
3. What has happened to our community's ability to support startups – the “entrepreneurial ecosystem” – as a result of this crisis? What about access to finance? Or technical and business assistance? Mentorship? Others?
4. What challenges are you experiencing in your own programs and services? What are the consequences of those challenges?
5. Now, thinking long term, as we are rebuilding our economy, what would you say is most important to keep in mind? Does this crisis elevate any opportunities to address long-standing problems or disparities in our community?

