

## NEW HAVEN INNOVATION HUB

*The Grid*, whose name recalls the pioneering, innovative spirit of New Haven, will encourage the growth of both startups and small businesses with high-growth potential (also known as Stage II companies) by connecting them with space, talent, capital, education and a supportive entrepreneurial community.<sup>1</sup> Administered by the Economic Development Corporation of New Haven, *The Grid* will build on and collaborate with programs already in progress in the local community.

### *Key Programs Under Construction:*

- The hub will provide growth-oriented entrepreneurs and companies with flexible, collaboration oriented spaces, particularly through expanded co-working and team space at *The Grove* ([www.grovenewhaven.com](http://www.grovenewhaven.com)). In a collaboration space people and companies benefit from organic cross-pollination of resources and ideas.
- Technical talent is crucial to venture formation and growth. To address that need, The Grid will launch *A100*, a system of computer programmer training and community-building that will bridge the gap between academic programs, existing developer communities, and the needs of growing software ventures. Thus, qualified and knowledgeable professionals will be easily accessible to participating companies.
- *Bioscience Clubhouse*, a model for establishing and growing a critical mass of life science companies by offering affordable laboratory space and management support for emerging life science entrepreneurs.
- First-time founders benefit from relationships with successful, experienced entrepreneurs. *Founders' Fund Fellowships* are awards for early-career serial entrepreneurs to reside in New Haven for a year. Fellows will participate in the tech community and coach and mentor local ventures, all while developing their own next venture here in New Haven.
- *CEO Boot Camp* takes lessons from larger companies and helps companies with less than 100 employees use those lessons to grow faster.
- *Nutmeg Studios*, a digital production studio located in The Grove, will provide services to develop video and graphics content intended to help The Grid companies attract investors, talent and customers.
- *The Whiteboard* ([www.newwhiteboard.com](http://www.newwhiteboard.com)), a program focused on creating buzz and awareness of the stories of Connecticut entrepreneurs and the exciting work they are doing in our state.

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<sup>1</sup> New Haven was the first American city to be built on a grid. New Haveners have been innovating since (at least) 1638.