

- With <u>127 certified B Corps</u> with a presence in Colorado, <u>B Local Colorado</u> filed as a nonprofit corporation in 2017.
- Our strong working Board is 100% volunteer run, and is comprised of nine B Corp business leaders with an eye towards diversity in company size, structure, and business strengths (marketing, media, academia, legal, policy, etc.).
- We are one of at least <u>21 B Local communities</u> who for the last three years have been invited by B Lab to convene at the B Champions Retreat for a B Local Summit, to share best practices, resources, and spread the place-based movement across the US and Canada.
- We provide opportunities to connect, socialize, volunteer, learn from each other, and get involved collectively to elevate our voices towards the power of using business as a force for good.
- We collaborate with B Lab; <u>Best for Colorado</u>; <u>Good Business Colorado</u>, <u>B:Civic</u>;
 <u>CESR (CU Business School)</u>; all of the companies all of our board members work in and for and with, and I'm sure many others I'm forgetting.
- <u>Always Be Collaborating (ABC)</u>!! An events and networking initiative started by <u>B</u> Local PDX in Portland, the original B Local.

www.BLocalColorado.com
Provides community
connections for
B Corps in and around
Colorado*

*and the
"Mountain West,"
including
New Mexico (7 Bs),

Arizona (7), Idaho (9), Kansas (2), Missouri (3), Montana (7), Nebraska (4), Oklahoma (2), Utah (5), and Wyoming (2)



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- B Local's main goal is to provide a space for certified B Corps in Sharing, Improving, Considering, and Promoting. We also support the community in building an inclusive and sustainable economy that creates collective impact and truly uses business as a force for good.
- EVERY employee or contractor with a B Corp is invited to create an account on the <u>B Hive</u>, from the janitor to the receptionist to the fruit picker to the C Suite members, an online community of peers and leaders to access vast amounts of information compiled by the B Community, network, gain insight on CSR and other initiatives to improve scores, and probably even find a couch to sleep on when visiting another state or country.
- Specific initiatives lately include the Colorado B Corp Buyer's Guide (see this
 ← proposed flyer), and in order to support Bs in surrounding area states (like
 New Mexico) ultimately expanding to include the "Mountain West."
- Another program borne out of B Local founders and members include the CU Leeds School of Business <u>Certificate in Corporate Social Responsibility</u>, offered by the Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility (CESR), created by board member Geri Mitchell-Brown (now with Namaste Solar) and taken over by Pete Dignan, 3 time CEO of B Corps and founder/consultant at <u>Ever Better, PBC</u>.
- We're also exploring deeper partnerships with University of Colorado / Leeds School of Business, Daniels College of Business at Denver University, and ultimately undergrad programs to foster student volunteer activities, internships and Capstone projects.
- We also are working with organizations like <u>Good Business Colorado</u>, <u>Best for Colorado</u>, and <u>B:Civic</u> organizations that embrace everything from policymakers, to nonprofits, to CSR departments, to corporate foundations to help define and grow the movement.