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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Main Street Alliance (MSA) has received a grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation (Kauffman) to invest in its work building power with small business owners and entrepreneurs.

“MSA is thrilled to receive the support of Kauffman Foundation, as we create opportunities for entrepreneurs to tell their stories and elevate their needs directly with the media and decision-makers to change the status quo and generate policy conditions for thriving local economies,” said MSA Executive Director Chanda Causer. “This grant helps support our mission to build a powerful, multiracial membership organization that can shift the economic narrative, wield political power, and win policy reform for entrepreneurs, their employees, and communities.”

The goal of the project is to bring the voices of entrepreneurs directly to policymakers. In turn, policymakers will develop a new understanding of the key issues affecting entrepreneurs, provoking them to act. The work will reach across the pillars of Kauffman Foundation’s Start Us Up Coalition’s America’s New Business Plan, and dig deep on Access to Opportunity, Access to Funding, and Access to Support.

“Entrepreneurs deserve to have their voices recognized in policy discussions. The organizations in this portfolio know these entrepreneurs and are active in their communities. They understand how best to engage entrepreneurs in conversations

with policymakers at all levels,” said Jennifer Kelly, Program Officer, Entrepreneurship at Kauffman.

A full list of the Rebuilding Better grantees can be viewed [here](#).