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TAP awarded \$100K to mentor small businesses

JP Morgan Chase has awarded \$100,000 to The Acceleration Project to support its efforts to provide business advice to small businesses, entrepreneurs, municipalities and nonprofits. This award will allow the consulting firm to expand its services into new markets.

The investment is part of JPMorgan Chase's \$150 million Small Business Forward program to help women, minority and veteran entrepreneurs grow and thrive. JPMorgan Chase chose TAP as a partner due to its innovative model that links small businesses to vital resources they need to prosper.

"The Acceleration Project is extremely appreciative of JPMorgan Chase's support of economic development in our local communities," said TAP CEO Jane Veron. "These funds will enable us to continue to serve small businesses, with an emphasis on those owned by women and minorities, and to provide them with the technical assistance they need to take their businesses to the next level."

Specifically, the funding provided will enable TAP to invest in its infrastructure, primarily focusing on project management, data management and outcome measurement.

Veron said the funds will help small businesses succeed, strengthening local economies, and preserving and creating jobs.