

Economic Development Update

Amanda Wicker & Ashley Zaragoza
Economic Development Administrators



Economic Development Update

Agenda

Corona Economy Update

102 Economic Development Strategic Plan Update

Retail Attraction Update

1 What's Next



Corona Economy

Employment

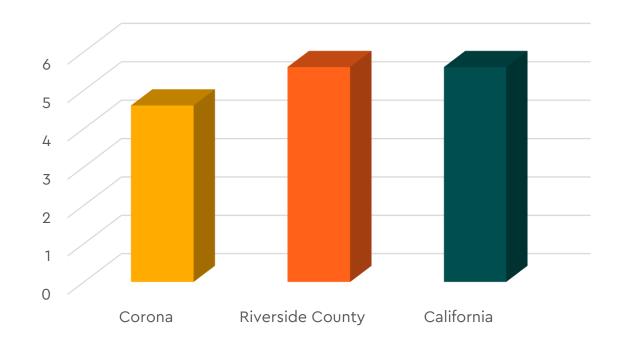
Unemployment Rate

89,200 Labor Force

Corona's labor force comprises 7.7% of Riverside County's labor force

4.6% Unemployment

Compared to County and State's unemployment rate of 5.6% each



Corona Economy

Jobs

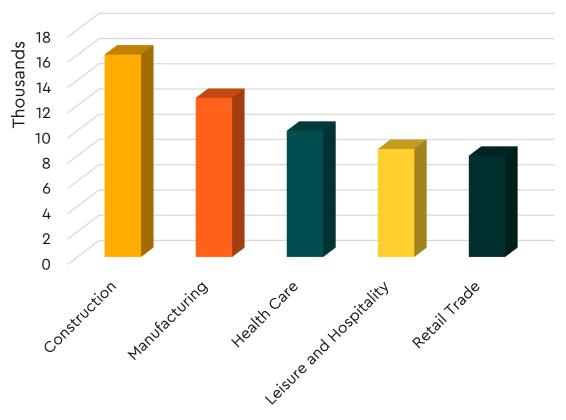
88,547 Jobs

Q1 2023: Corona had 88,547 jobs, which was a YOY growth of 2.5%

10.9% of County Jobs

Corona jobs encompass 10.9% of all jobs in Riverside County

Top Industries by Employee Count



Corona Economy

Average Annual Wages

Industry	Average Annual Wage	YOY Growth City (%)	YOY Growth County Balance (%)
Information	\$95,800	3.3	-2.4
Prof., Sci., Tech., and Mgmt.	\$92,900	3.5	0.2
Wholesale Trade	\$92,000	0.0	2.2
Fin. Svcs. & Real Estate	\$86,500	-1.1	-1.1
Government	\$86,500	2.3	3.1
Construction	\$78,400	2.7	3.9
Manufacturing	\$65,500	1.5	2.7

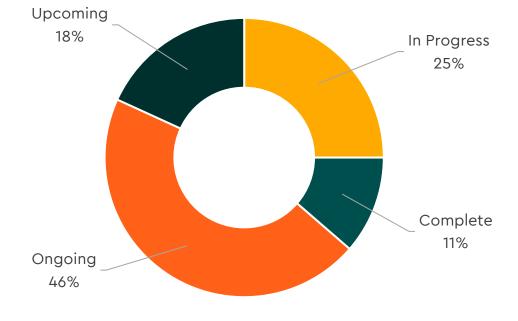


Economic Development Strategic Plan

At-A-Glance



Of Strategic Actions are in progress, complete, or ongoing



Economic Development Strategic Plan

Strategic Goals

Elevate Entrepreneurs & Small Businesses

In partnership with our local and regional partners, elevate and support entrepreneurs and small businesses in Corona.

Facilitate Business Expansion & Retention

Facilitate the retention and expansion of existing businesses and the attraction of new businesses in Corona.

Prepare & Support Our Residents for Jobs of the Future

Provide our community with the skills resources, and support they need to prepare for the jobs of the future in Southern California. Facilitate Planning & Development

Facilitate a collaborative, responsive, efficient, and business-friendly development review process to ensure best in class service to our development community.

Encourage Placemaking & Community

Encourage the development of lively public spaces by celebrating our heritage to promote the local economy and our community's health, happiness, and well being.

Enhance Communication & Connection

Enhance communication and connection with community by celebrating our successes and ensuring all residents have equitable access to City resources.

Elevate Entrepreneurs & Small Businesses

Strategic Actions Progress



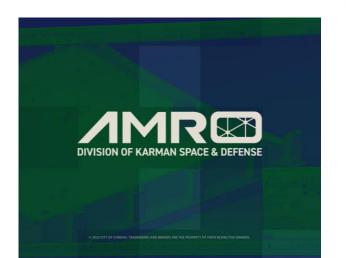


Entrepreneurship Development

Utilizing ARPA funding,
entered into new
agreements with Asociacion
de Emprendedor@s & SBDC

Business Grants

Provided 30 \$10,000 grants to Corona-based small businesses and 60 \$5,000 grants to Corona-based entrepreneurs



city of Corona

BUSINESS GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Corona is excited to announce a grant opportunity for Corona-based, small businesses. The City is offering two different grants. These grant funds are being offered in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and are funded with American Rescue Plan Act funds. Funding is limited and grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. See more information below.

\$5,000 ENTREPRENEUR GRANT \$10,000 SMALL BUSINESS GRANT

Commercial or home-based operation
 Four (4) or fewer employees

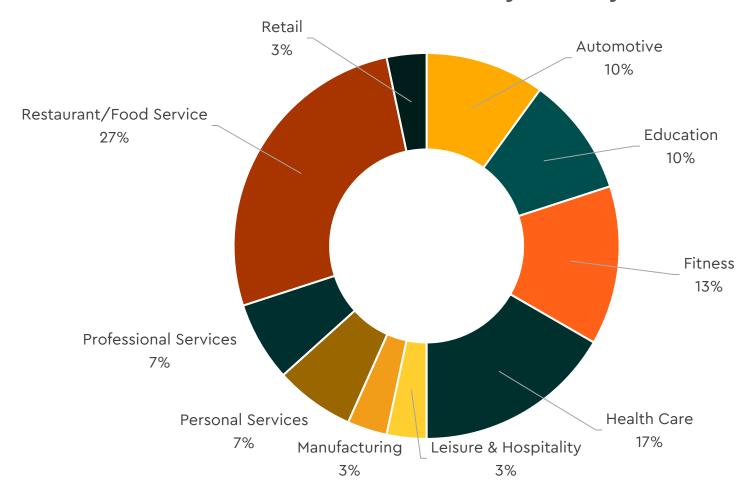
Commercial based operation
 Five (5) to twenty-five (25) employees

Business Promotion

Grew business promotion from 38 businesses in 2022 to 54 businesses in 2023

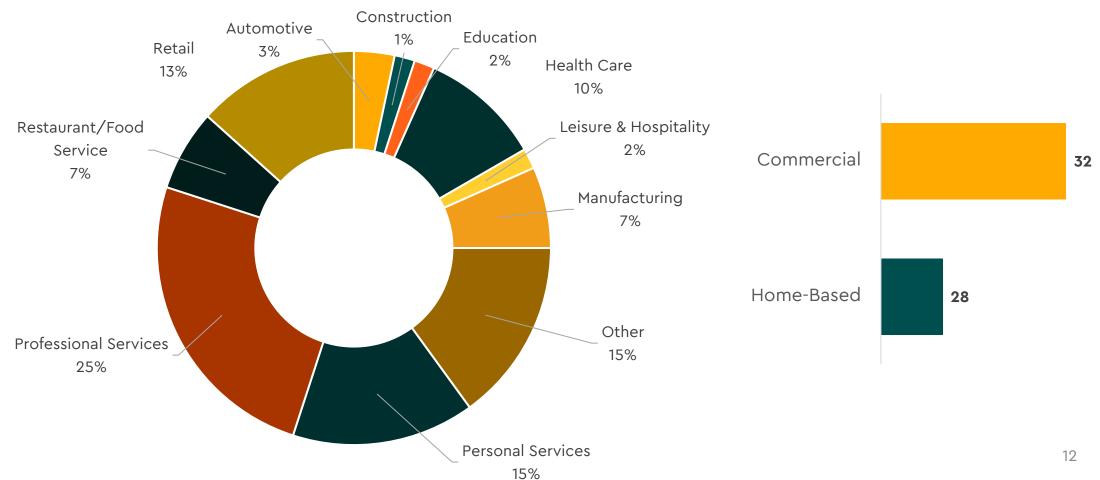
Small Business Grants Update

Small Business Grants by Industry



Entrepreneur Grants Update

Entrepreneur Grants by Industry



Key Performance Indicators

Elevate Entrepreneurs & Small Businesses

Key Performance Indicator	2023 Update
# of Small Business Grant Applicants	183
% of ARPA Funds Distributed (Grants)	33%
% of Small Businesses that Remained Open One Year After Participating in Various Small Business Programs	100%
Increase in Promoted Activities for Small Businesses	54 (2023) vs. 38 (2022)
% of Emprendedor@s Graduates that Successfully Launch Their Business	100%
# of Entrepreneurs Utilizing Work and Meeting Spaces in Local Incubators and Colleges	In Progress (FY 24-26)
Utilization of 300 Intern Hours Through Partnerships with Local Colleges	In Progress (FY 24-27)

Milestone Measurements

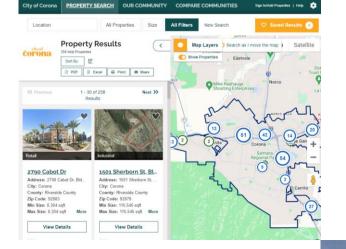
Elevate Entrepreneurs & Small Businesses

Milestone	2023 Update
Complete an annual survey of businesses visited to determine value of relationship with City	In Progress (FY 24)
Hold two annual working meetings with Corona Chamber of Commerce & Greater Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Ongoing
Complete "How to Do Business" Guide	Complete
Survey New Business Reception participants to determine value of program	Ongoing
Identify a focus area for initial phase of the façade program within one year	Complete
Complete feasibility study and identify funding source for façade program, if feasible	Complete
Hold Small Business Symposium	Upcoming (FY 25)

Facilitate Business Expansion & Retention

Strategic Actions Progress





Site Selection Assistance

Assisted 50 companies with identifying sites for relocation or expansion

Retail Attraction

Submitted market data and marketing packets to 85 retailers, restaurants, and entertainment concepts



Business Visitations & Outreach

Conducted business outreach and visitations to 192 companies

Key Performance Indicators

Facilitate Business Expansion & Retention

Key Performance Indicator	2023 Update
# of Film Permits Issued	2
% of City Contracts Awarded to Corona-based Businesses	20.5% (FY 23)
# of Businesses that Utilized LocateInCorona.com as part of their decision to locate in Corona	10

Milestone Measurements

Facilitate Business Expansion & Retention

Milestone	2023 Update
Hold Initial Meetings with Partners and Identify Opportunities and Barriers to Facilitating Business Relocations to Corona	Complete
Complete Feasibility Analysis for Incentive Strategy	In Progress (FY 24)
Conduct a Survey of Manufacturing Assistance Program (MAP) Participants to Determine Value of Program	Ongoing
Survey Businesses Utilizing Team Corona Services to Determine Value of Program and Ways to Improve Customer Service	Ongoing

Prepare & Support Residents for Jobs of the Future

Strategic Actions Progress





Live Work Corona Promotion

Grew # of Hire Local Pledge companies to 23 and promoted marketing campaign

Innovation Center

Advanced development of the future Innovation Center and awarded \$2.5M



JOB FAIR Corona Chamber of Commerce Live Work Corona

Job Fair

Held a Job Fair featuring over 30 hiring companies and 150 job seekers

Key Performance Indicators

Prepare & Support Residents for Jobs of the Future

Key Performance Indicator	2023 Update
# of Households Assisted Through Emergency Housing Programs	47 Households (Rental Assistance – 35, Mortgage Assistance 10, RRP – 2)
% of Households That Do Not Default on Rental Payments Within One Year of Receiving Assistance	Data Unavailable
# of New Internship Programs Created for Local Students	Upcoming (FY 24-27)

Milestone Measurements

Prepare & Support Residents for Jobs of the Future

Milestone	2023 Update
Implement Job Fair and Survey Participants to Determine Value of Program	Ongoing
Meet with Leaders in Healthcare Industry to Determine Feasibility of Creating a Medical Field Workforce Development Program and Identify Partners	Upcoming (FY 25-27)

Facilitate Planning & Development

Strategic Actions Progress





Commercial Broker Outreach

Conducted outreach to over
70 locally based commercial
brokers to establish dialogue
and offer support

Commercial Development Event

Held a Team Corona

Commercial Development
event to connect with
brokerage community



Team Corona

Held more than 20 Team Corona meetings to support business expansion and relocation

Key Performance Indicators

Facilitate Planning & Development

Key Performance Indicator	2023 Update
% of Team Corona meetings that result in Corona Business Expansion or Relocation	80%
# of Annual Permits Corresponding to Cluster Industries	294
# of Corona Mall Properties Redeveloped	In Progress (FY 23-27)

Milestone Measurements

Facilitate Planning & Development

Milestone	2023 Update
Host Informational Seminar/Webinar on City's Entitlement Process	Complete
Launch City Permitting and Resources Awareness Campaign	In Progress (FY 24-25)

Encourage Placemaking & Community

Strategic Actions Progress





Downtown Revitalization Plan Implementation

34 of 45 strategic actions are in progress, complete, or ongoing

CADEACE RIPS

Downtown Commercial Beautification Grants

Launched grant program
applications in February
2024, applications currently
under review



South Mall Revitalization

LAB continued to advance construction on their properties



Key Performance Indicators

Encourage Placemaking & Community

Key Performance Indicator	2023 Update
% of Residents Rating the Quality and # of Places to Recreate, Socialize, Meet, and Connect as Good or Excellent	37%
# of Events Held in Downtown	33
# of Events and Attendees at Open-Air Stage Events	2 Events 2,500 Attendees
# of New Trails and Bike Lanes Constructed	0

Milestone Measurements

Encourage Placemaking & Community

Milestone	2023 Update
Produce a Business Liaison Brochure and Distribute to Downtown Businesses	Ongoing
Survey Downtown Businesses on Interest and Feasibility of Forming a BID	Upcoming (FY 24-27)
Completion of Beautification and Revitalization Projects	In Progress (FY 24-27)
Complete Evaluation of Public Financing Feasibility	Complete

Enhance Communication & Connection

Strategic Actions Progress





Downtown Corona Branding

Advanced effort to establish sense of place in Downtown through creation of unique branding

Shop Dine Corona Campaign

Successfully launched a shop local campaign, encouraging residents to patronize local businesses





Target Audience Growth

Grew target audience through
dedicated outreach and
increased newsletter subscribers
and social media network

Key Performance Indicators

Enhance Communication & Connection

Key Performance Indicator	2023 Update
% of City's Business Resources that are Accessible in Spanish	60%
Growth in Followers Across Social Media Platforms	LinkedIn: 221 followers (up from 58) Instagram: 279 followers (up from 32)
% of Residents Opting Into Text Messaging System Program	Upcoming (FY 25)
% of City Employees that Complete Economic Development Program	Upcoming (FY 25-27)
Increase in Rating in Customer Service Surveys	65% Rated Good or Excellent vs. 61% (2022)
% of Commercial Brokers Engaged With	78%

Milestone Measurements

Enhance Communication & Connection

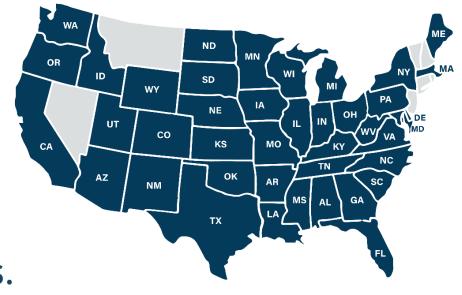
Milestone	2023 Update
Complete Rebranding Guidelines	Complete
Update Economic Development Webpage and Marketing Materials	Complete





(R) The Retail Coach

We help communities IDENTIFY new retail opportunities, actively RECRUIT those retailers to their community, then COACH them on a long-term basis to ensure success.



850+

CLIENTS SERVED

We've worked with clients across 41 states

REPEAT CLIENTS

Cities work with us time and time again

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Recruiting Retailers to Communities



Retail 360°

Moving Beyond Data To Recruit **Retailers** & **Developers**

Tailored, end-to-end retail recruitment and economic development services





RETAIL RECRUITMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Retail Coach has connected with and submitted market data to <u>over 100</u> retailers, restaurants, entertainment concepts, brokers and developers.

Match List Process

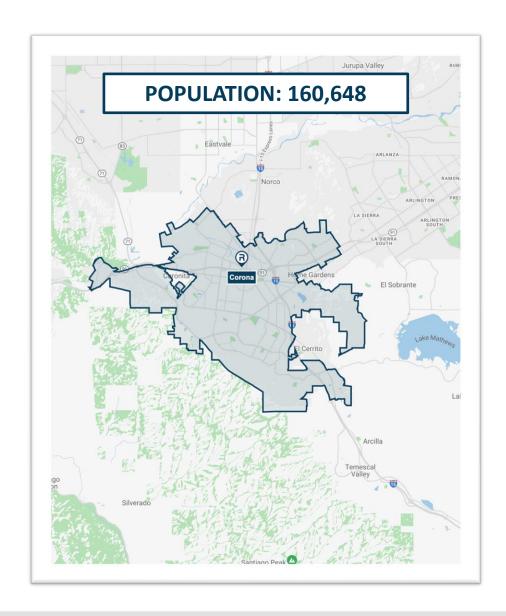
- 1. TRC created targeted retailer list based on market demographics, psychographics, current retail trends, and industry expertise.
- 2. Real Estate Inventory
- 3. Collaboration and feedback from City Staff
- 4. City-wide survey responses (3,000+) of desired brands & concepts

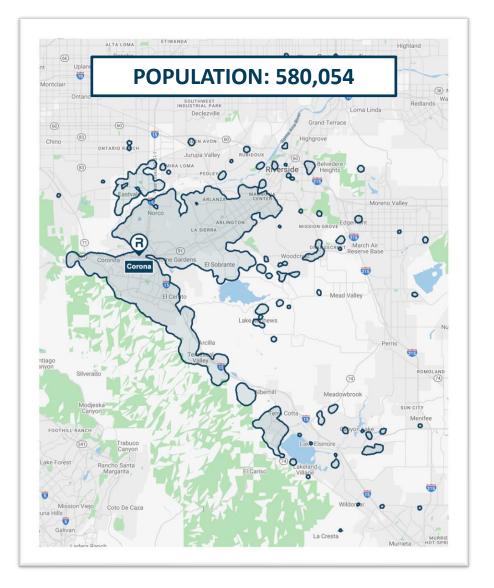
Focused list for Downtown and for the City of Corona as a whole

Special emphasis on unique concepts vs. national chains



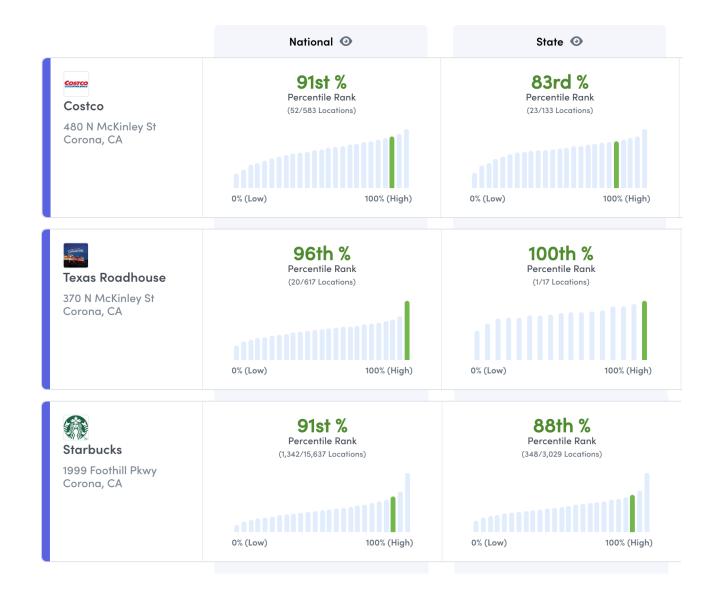
CORONA RETAIL TRADE AREA





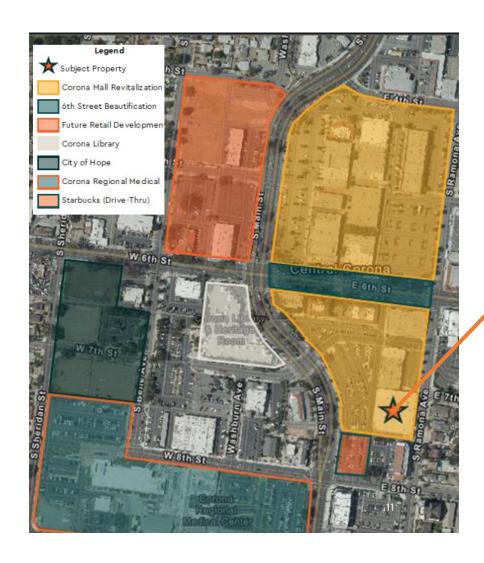


CORONA RETAIL TRADE AREA





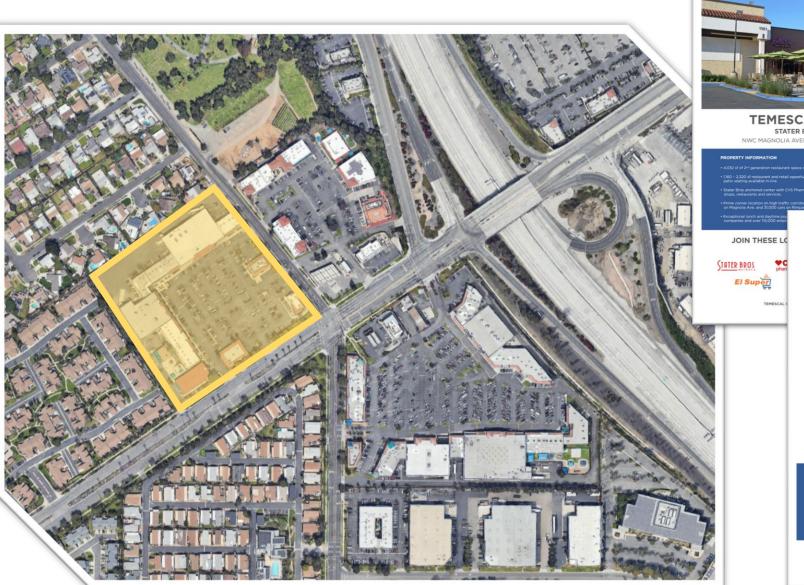
DOWNTOWN







TEMESCAL VILLAGE PLAZA







BEDFORD MARKETPLACE / CROSSINGS AT CORONA





LOS ARCOS PLAZA



RETAIL SITE

Los Arcos Plaza Corona, CA

R TheRetailCoach.

Shopping Center



Corona California

580,054 Retail Trade Area Population

\$121,604

Average Household Income

\$94,327 Median Household Income



25,000+ sqft shopping center with endcaps and drive-thru available

- Highly visible shopping center right off Riverside Frwy
- Multiple inline opportunities along with stand-alone with frive-thru
- Riverside Frwy: 230,000 AADT McKinley St: 38,000 AADT



Contacts



Amanda Wicker

City of Corona, CA (951) 736-2295 | amanda.wicker@coronaca.gov

Charles Parker

Project Director | The Retail Coach (662) 231-9078 | cparker@theretailcoach.net

	3 miles	5 miles	12 min	
Population	105,053	282,044	248,627	
Households	32,586	83,333	75,377	
Median HH Income	\$91,996	\$100,906	\$97,588	
Average HH Income	\$116,770	\$124,800	\$120,985	
5 Yr Pop Growth	1.90%	2.00%	2.10%	





RETAIL RECRUITMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Interested tenants that have requested site information to review with their brokers include:

- multiple national development firms
- national beverage/package retailers
- multiple coffee concepts
- major flag hotel
- entertainment concepts (trampoline, bowling, etc...)

Site visit for major tenant rep to Los Arcos (Feb 2024)



ICSC REPRESENTATION





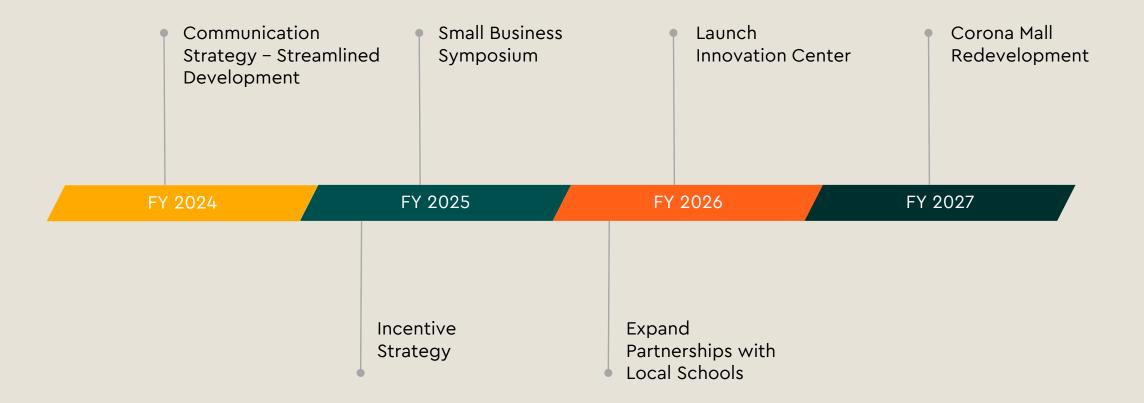








What's Next



Thank you!