

EBELE IFEDIGBO

The Hood Incubator

2017 Black Male Achievement Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Build political and economic power for people of color in the legal marijuana industry through community organizing, policy advocacy, and economic development.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

The Hood Incubator was formed in Oakland in response to the wave of cannabis legalization happening in California and across the country. The Hood Incubator seeks to mobilize communities of color around the disproportionate impact of the war on drugs. The Hood Incubator advocates for policy reform on the local, state, and federal level from a perspective that centers low income communities and communities of color, and they provide direct support to individuals and communities most impacted by the war on drugs to ensure they receive the maximum positive economic and political benefits from drug policy reform and cannabis legalization.

PERSONAL BIO

Ebele Ifedigbo is co-founder and co-director of the Hood Incubator, a social impact organization creating pathways to ownership in legal cannabis for people of color. Ebele's passion lies at the intersection of racial and economic justice, and Ebele is committed to using business to foster innovation and racial equity in cannabis. Prior to the Hood Incubator, Ebele founded a Black youth leadership organization called Ambassadors for Africa. Ebele has also worked with the NAACP to develop federal and state policies and programs aimed at closing the national Racial Wealth Divide. Other professional experiences include working as a financial analyst at Ameriprise Financial and a legal and compliance analyst at Goldman Sachs. Ebele received a joint B.A. in economics and philosophy, with a minor in African studies from Columbia University, and a MBA from Yale University.

Issue area

Poverty Alleviation Economic Development

Organization/Fellow Location

Oakland, United States

Impact Location

North America

United States

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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