

Boerne Kendall County Economic Development Corporation Receives the 2024 Community Economic Development Award (CEDA) for its Role in the Launch of Das GreenHaus

We are proud to announce the Boerne Kendall County Economic Development Corporation's recent CEDA (Community Economic Development Award) for its role in the launch of Das GreenHaus. Each year the Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC) recognizes outstanding organizations for their efforts in advancing the economic viability of their community through economic and community development programs. The BKCEDC, along with partners such as the Boerne Kendall County Angel Network and many other dedicated community leaders, helped Das GreenHaus open its doors to aspiring entrepreneurs in June of 2023.

Das GreenHaus is a 501(c)(3), public-private nonprofit, and Boerne's first business incubator. Das GreenHaus aims to provide support, resources, education, and mentorship to entrepreneurs in the Texas Hill Country. In just one year of serving their community, Das GreenHaus is already creating a tremendous impact.



Over 50 founders are actively engaged in Das GreenHaus' *Idea-to-Market* curriculum, and the organization is proud to celebrate several success stories. One program participant, LOCOAL, a Waste-to-Energy climate technology company, recently announced during an interview on The Building Texas Show, a capital commitment to build a headquarters and innovation facility in the Texas Hill Country. Other success stories include small business founders growing revenue, market share, and moving to establish permanent locations.

Pictured: Justin McKenzie, Amy Story, and Kathy Estes, Das GreenHaus founding board members

Das GreenHaus also aims to give back to the local community in meaningful ways. This includes having a strong involvement in school district programs such as Boerne ISD's Incubator.edu program, creating local student internship programs, and hosting educational and networking events, with the intention of bringing community members together in support of building a thriving local entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Das GreenHaus celebrates the BKCEDC's CEDA award and the organization looks forward to growing and supporting the community of innovators and inventors in the Texas Hill Country.