

# Chambliss Startup Group and TVFCU to Host 2023 Social and Idea Leap Grant Pitch Competition

Join us on May 11, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. ET

## Event Details

Date: May 11, 2023

Chambliss Startup Social: 4:30-6 p.m.

Pitch Competition: 6-8 p.m.

Location: Bessie Smith Cultural Center (200 E. M L King Blvd, Chattanooga, TN 37403)

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[Chambliss Startup Group](#) will host its Chambliss Startup Social on May 11, 2023, at the [Bessie Smith Cultural Center](#). For the second year in a row, the event will be held in conjunction with Tennessee Valley Credit Union's (TVFCU) Sixth Annual [Idea Leap Grant](#) Pitch Competition, where Chattanooga area entrepreneurs will have the chance to win grants to assist with expanding their small businesses.

The Chambliss Startup Social will provide entrepreneurs, startup founders, thought leaders, investors, established business owners, and supporters the opportunity to connect in a fun and celebratory atmosphere.

Following the Startup Social, each of the five Chattanooga finalists will participate in the pitch competition for a chance to win one of five grants to support and expand their small business. The grand prize recipient will receive \$30,000, second place will receive \$15,000, and three runners-up will each receive \$10,000.

Event registration is open to the public and is RSVP only. To learn more about the event or to register, please visit the TVFCU [2023 Idea Leap Grant website](#).

TVFCU's Idea Leap Grant is an extension of the credit union's Idea Leap Loan Initiative that was created specifically for small businesses in 2016. To date, TVFCU has funded more than \$4 million in loans to emerging and early-stage businesses through the loan initiative. Furthermore, TVFCU has awarded nearly \$300,000 in Idea Leap Grants and scholarships.