

Evergreen Cooperatives — Cleveland's Anchor-Institution Worker-Cooperative Network

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Quality score: 86/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Since 2008, Cleveland's Evergreen Cooperatives has used anchor-institution procurement from the Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals to build worker-owned firms; by 2021 they employed ~320 people, slower and smaller growth than the original 5,000-job target.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	3/3
Inclusiveness / equity	3/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-27

[Evergreen Cooperatives](#) — accessed 2026-09-27

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