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Abstract:
The Urban Solutions Lab will become the locus – the physical and emblematic core – of entrepreneurship across Rutgers-Newark. It will serve as an engine generating the cross-disciplinary and cross-sector efforts that we believe are essential to prosocial entrepreneurship and as the nerve center for student and community-involved entrepreneurship initiatives. The notion of “maker spaces” has become popular for describing shared facilities for creating physical devices and artifacts. The Urban Solutions Lab will be a maker space for creating and enhancing prosocial ventures.
Physically, the Urban Solutions Lab consists of two spaces in the soon-to-open Honors Living and Learning Community (HLLC) building. This grant will pay to outfit these spaces. The “Collaboration Garage,” will be outfitted with easily reconfigurable modular furniture and white boards, along with computer and projection equipment. The “Creativity Studio,” will provide state-of-the-art distance education and collaboration tools along with web-streaming, video- and pod-casting capabilities. We will also provide a lending library of equipment for students involved in projects connected to the Urban Solutions Lab.