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A robust startup community is key to creating a successful entrepreneurial ecosystem in any city. In his book "Startup Communities", Brad Feld talks about four principles needed to create a vibrant startup community.

1. Entrepreneurs must lead the startup community.
2. The leaders must have a long-term commitment.
3. The startup community must be inclusive of anyone who wants to participate in it.
4. The startup community must have continual activities that engage the entire entrepreneurial stack.

BioAM was started according to Feld's principles and on the concept of "Give before you get". This talk will take you through the formation of Rochester's first Startup Community and how you might get involved.