

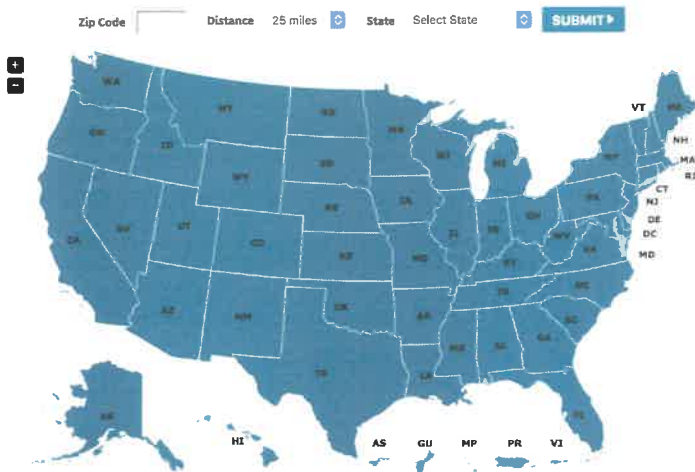


U.S. Small Business
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Gain the Confidence to Move Forward with Help from the SBA's Resource Partner Network

WHETHER YOU NEED TO CREATE A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS PLAN, GET EXPERT ADVICE ON EXPANDING YOUR BUSINESS, OR TRAIN YOUR TEAM, SBA'S NATIONWIDE NETWORK OF RESOURCE PARTNERS IS HERE TO HELP.

Enter your zip code or click on the map to connect with your local SBA district office and other resources in your area.



Use the interactive map on sba.gov/tools/local-assistance to help you find your local resource partner in the United States and its territories.

These independent organizations funded by the SBA provide high-quality training and counseling designed to meet the specific needs of small business owners for free or at a low cost. With more than 300 SCORE chapters, 980 Small Business Development Centers, 100 Women's Business Centers, and 20 Veterans Business Outreach Centers across the country, you're never far away from SBA-approved experts who can help your business thrive.

Michigan District Office. 477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226 313-226-6075

SCORE

Join the ranks of other business owners who have experienced higher revenues and increased growth thanks to mentoring they received from SCORE. The nation's largest network of volunteer business mentors harnesses the passion and knowledge of real-world business executives to provide invaluable mentorship in person, via email or over video chat. Visit sba.gov/score to start working on your business goals.

Small Business Development Centers

Small Business Development Center counselors help entrepreneurs to realize their dream of business ownership and then remain competitive in an ever-changing global economy. You have access to free counseling and low-cost training on topics such as marketing, regulatory compliance, technology development, and international trade. Find your local Small Business Development Center at sba.gov/sbdc.

Women's Business Centers

If you are interested in starting a small business, your local Women's Business Center (WBC) is a good place to start. Tap into their national network of community-based centers for counseling, training, mentoring, and referrals. For your nearest Women's Business Center, visit sba.gov/women.

Veterans Business Outreach Centers

Veteran entrepreneurs or small business owners can receive business training, counseling and mentoring, and referrals to other SBA Resource Partners at a Veterans Business Outreach Center, sba.gov/vboc. This is also the place to receive procurement guidance, which can help your business better compete for government contracts.

To find out more about SBA Resource Partners, visit your local SBA District Office or [SBA.gov](https://sba.gov).

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What Kind of Funding is Right For You?

IF YOU NEED ACCESS TO CAPITAL TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR BUSINESS GOALS, THE SBA OFFERS A VARIETY OF FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR ALL KINDS OF SMALL BUSINESS VENTURES.

Funding to Help You Start or Grow Your Business

While the SBA has many specialty loan lines, our loan programs can be divided into three main categories:

- **The 7(a) Loan:** Can be used for almost any purpose, including buying real estate, equipment, inventory, or for working capital, refinancing business debt, or purchasing a small business.
- **SBA Microloan Program:** Great for helping start-ups launch and grow, or repair credit. Loans from \$500 to \$50K plus free business counseling.
- **504 Certified Development Company Loan Program:** Competitive fixed-rate mortgage financing to purchase land, heavy equipment, or real estate for businesses that do not qualify for traditional financing.

Funding from Private Investors

- To facilitate the flow of long-term capital to America's small businesses, the SBA partners with private investors (**Small Business Investment Companies or SBICs**) to invest in qualifying small businesses with guaranteed capital and private funds.

Funding Programs for Research & Development

The **Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)** and **Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR)** programs provide more than \$2.5 billion annually in early stage capital through more than 4,000 new awards. Visit **sbir.gov** to find funding opportunities and helpful program tutorials.

Funding to Make You More Competitive

- Surety bonds are often required to win construction, supply, and service contracts. The **SBA's Surety Bond Program** is for small businesses that lack the financial resources or performance track record needed to secure bonding through traditional commercial channels.



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