

# WE MAKE SMALL BUSINESS OUR BUSINESS.

START • GROW • EXPAND • RECOVER

Created in 1953, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) continues to help small business owners and entrepreneurs pursue the American dream. As the nation's only go-to resource and voice for small businesses, the SBA provides counseling, capital, and contracting expertise so businesses can confidently start, grow, expand, or recover.

The SBA is backed by the strength of the federal government and is the only cabinet-level federal agency fully dedicated to small business. With a powerful seat at the table in Washington, D.C., the SBA promotes job growth and a stronger economy by advocating for and supporting small businesses.

Simply put, the SBA empowers small businesses to succeed. And it will help yours do the same.

**Learn more about how the SBA can help your business transform by visiting your local SBA office or going online to [SBA.gov](https://www.sba.gov).**

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U.S. Small Business  
Administration

# POWERING THE AMERICAN DREAM

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ignite change and spark action  
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Every business starts with a dream. Turning this dream into a reality requires confidence, grit, knowledge, and funding. Wherever you are in growing your small business, the SBA has your back.

### Increase Your Confidence & Business Smarts

The SBA recognizes that supporting entrepreneurship is a team effort. That's why we formed the SBA's **Resource Partner Network**:

- SCORE
- Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)
- Women's Business Centers (WBCs)
- Veterans Business Outreach Centers (VBOCs)

These local partners extend our reach, offering free or low-cost mentoring, counseling, and training to help you start-up and thrive at all stages of business. Together, we can help you plan your business, conduct market research, analyze your competition, and secure funding.

Visit [sba.gov/local-assistance](https://sba.gov/local-assistance) to find an office near you. No matter your industry, location, or experience—if you have a dream, the SBA is there for you.

### Build Capacity as Your Business Develops

From assessing your readiness for government contracting to helping you secure a loan as you grow, the SBA is your small business ally through every stage of business.

The U.S. government buys all types of products and services, and is required by law to provide opportunities for small businesses. So, **federal contracting** may be one tool to help your business grow.

### The SBA can help you:

- Evaluate your readiness for government contracting
- Register as a government contractor
- Navigate federal contracting rules
- Discover matchmaking opportunities with federal buyers
- Qualify for contracts through small business set aside programs

The SBA also works with community development organizations and approved lenders to offer microloans and SBA-guaranteed loans. For lenders, SBA-backed loans mean reduced risk. For you, our funding programs result in:

- Competitive terms
- Lower down payments
- Flexible overhead requirements
- Counseling and education

Use our online Lender Match tool to find an SBA Lender that's right for your business: [sba.gov/lendermatch](https://sba.gov/lendermatch)

### Reimagine Your Potential as You Branch Out

When you are ready to set up shop, add a new location, or transform your small business into a global operation, the SBA offers executive entrepreneurship **education and training, mentorship opportunities, and export assistance** to help you expand your horizons.

### Triumph Over Adversity

Each year, we provide billions of dollars in low-interest, long-term **disaster loans** directly to small businesses, homeowners, and renters located in declared disaster areas. Loan terms are established according to each borrower's ability to repay, and the funds can be used to help cover physical damage and economic injury.

A disaster can happen without warning. Prepare your small business with the SBA's **preparedness resources and information**.

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Through every phase of the business lifecycle, the SBA is your small business ally.