

Additional Sources for Financial Assistance Information

Visit the online Small Business Administration "Counseling and Assistance" resources at <http://www.sba.gov/services/counseling/index.html>. Resources include Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs), Women's Business Centers (WBCs), and SBA District Offices.

SCORE

The SCORE Association (Service Corps of Retired Executives) is a resource partner of the SBA dedicated to entrepreneur education and the formation, growth and success of small businesses nationwide. There are more than 10,500 SCORE volunteers in 374 chapters operating in over 800 locations who assist small businesses with business counseling and training. SCORE also operates an active online counseling initiative.

Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)

The Office of Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) provides management assistance to current and prospective small business owners. SBDCs offer one-stop assistance to individuals and small businesses by providing a wide variety of information and guidance in central and easily accessible branch locations. The program is a cooperative effort of the private sector, the educational community and federal, state and local governments and is an integral component of Entrepreneurial Development's network of training and counseling services.

Women's Business Centers (WBCs)

Women's Business Centers represent a national network of nearly 100 educational centers designed to assist women start and grow small businesses. WBCs operate with the mission to level the playing field for women entrepreneurs, who still face unique obstacles in the world of business.

SBA District Offices

In addition to its resource partners, the SBA operates full service district offices in every state of the country. Locate the district office closest to you.