

Center on Self-Employment

National Center on Self-Employment, Business Ownership, and Telecommuting

CONNECTICUT STARTUP RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

1. Community Economic Development Fund

Provides loans to low-income individual business owners who cannot access bank loans; also provides financial education.

<https://www.cedf.com/loans/women-and-minority-loan-guarantee-program/>

2. Hartford Economic Development Corporation

Provides technical assistance and loans to underserved entrepreneurs.

Provides loans of 150K at 4-6% interest for 1-10 years.

<https://www.hedcoinc.com/financial-assistance>

3. Minority Business Revolving Loan Fund

Provides loans for minority owned small businesses in CT.

Provides loans of 10K to 100K with fixed interest rate of 4% and loan maturity of up to 10 years.

Applicants must have been in business for at least one year.

https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Business-Development/05_Funding_Opportunities/Minority-Business-Funding

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4. Community Investment Corporation

Provides loans and technical assistance to emerging entrepreneurs in CT and RI. Offers a microloan of 15K with a 7.7% interest rate. Also offers an SBA microloan of up to 50K and Community Advantage Loan ranging from 50K to 100K.

<https://thearcofmass.org/programs/>

5. CIC SBA Microloans

Provides micro loans of up to 50K for small businesses.

<https://ciclending.com/microloans>

6. Community Capital Loans

Provides funding for small businesses.

https://www.commcap.org/small_business/overview.html

7. Connecticut Small Business Boost Fund

A Connecticut state government program that provides funding for small businesses. Provides loans of 5K to 500K at 4.5% interest rate. Applying businesses must have been in operation for at least one year.

<https://ctsmallbusinessboostfund.org/faq/>

8. Grameen America Loan Program

Provides funding to groups of low-income female entrepreneurs of color.

The organization uses a group-lending model, whereby a woman in need of business capital forms a group of five trusted women entrepreneurs from her community and each receive a first-time loan of up to \$2,000.

<https://www.grameenamerica.org/blog/2021/11/17/grameen-america-announces-expansion-of-microlending-program-for-entrepreneurial-women-in-connecticut>

9. Childcare Facilities Microloan Program

Provides loans for childcare facilities.

Provides microloans of up to 25K which when combined with other financing can equal 50K.

https://connecticut.networkofcare.org/mh/services/agency.aspx?pid=CONNECTICUTCOMMUNITYINVESTMENTCORPORATIONChildCareFacilitiesMicroLoanProgram_2_556_1

10. CT Next

Provides mentoring, support, and training for emerging entrepreneurs.

<https://ctnext.com/about-us/resources/>

11. University of Connecticut Technology Incubator Program

Provides support to emerging technology companies with a focus on the data science industry.

<https://innovation.uconn.edu/technology-incubation-program/>

12. Connecticut Technology Council

Provides networking opportunities for tech companies in CT.

The membership fee is \$250 for individuals and \$300 for startups.

<https://www.ct.org/startupmembership>

13. Entrepreneurial Center and Women's Business Center

Provides mentorship and support to female business owners.

<https://www.hartford.edu/barney/about/centers-and-institutes/entrepreneurial-center/>

14. ResetCo

Provides an incubator for retail companies and companies planning to become Benefit corporations with a dual social mission and is also a food incubator.

<https://www.resetco.org/measure-what-matters>

15. Empower Business Connection

A networking group for startups in Connecticut.

<https://empowerbusinessconnection.com/>

16. Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology

Provides support for manufacturers in Connecticut.

<https://www.ccat.us/programs/>