

# Center on Self-Employment

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

## LOUISIANA STARTUP RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

### 1. The ARC Louisiana Micro Enterprise Business Loan Program

This project enables individuals with disabilities and the elderly to start small businesses by providing an interest-free loan of up to 1K per person.

<http://www.thearca.org/programs/micro-enterprise/>

### 2. Hope Credit Union

Provides up to 250K loans to small businesses – includes vehicle loans, equipment loans, shared secure and unsecured loans for business purposes, and real estate loans.

<https://hopecu.org/business/loans/small-business-loans/hope-small-business-loan-program/>

### 3. TruFund Small Business Loan

Provides loans of 50K to 350K to businesses that have been in operation for at least one year at 7% interest; must have FICO score of 600.

[TruFund Small Business Loan – TruFund](#)

### 4. TruFund SBA 7(a) Community Advantage Loan

Provides loans to small businesses of 50K to 250K.

<https://www.trufund.org/products-services/small-business-lending/sba-community-advantages-7a-loan/>

### 5. Louisiana Business Incubator Association

Provides a list of business incubators in Louisiana.

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<https://www.louisianaincubation.org/about>

## 6. Nexus Louisiana

Provides entrepreneurship opportunities in the STEM fields to students from historically black colleges.

<https://nexusla.org/>

## 7. Louisiana Independent Living Centers

Provides general information to people with disabilities.

<https://nhilc.org/services-and-programs/>

## 8. Southeastern Louisiana University Business Incubator

Provides support to emerging businesses.

<http://www.southeastern.edu/admin/slbc/services/index.html>

## 9. Dixie Business Center

Provides general information for emerging companies in Louisiana.

<http://www.dixiebusinesscenter.org/>

## 10. The LSU AgCenter Food Innovation Institute

Provides general support to food business firms in cooperation with the LSU AgCenter and LSU College of Agriculture – known as the Foodii.

[https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our\\_offices/departments/food-science/extension\\_outreach/incubator](https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our_offices/departments/food-science/extension_outreach/incubator)

## 11. Southern University Shreveport Louisiana

SUSLA first implemented its micro-enterprise business incubation program in January 2004 and now provides general support to new and emerging small businesses in

Louisiana in cooperation with US HUD, City of Shreveport, and the State of Louisiana among other partners.

<https://www.susla.edu/page/entrepreneurship-and-small-business-development>

## 12. New Orleans Bio Innovation Center

Provides funding and mentorship and support to Louisiana biotech companies.

<https://neworleansbio.com/>

## 13. LSU Innovation Park

LSU Innovation Park provides entrepreneurs and companies with general support, business consultants, LSU resources, and access to capital.

<https://www.lsu.edu/innovationpark/about/index.php>

## 14. Louisiana Tech Business Incubation Center

Provides generalized support and mentoring and education to startups in Louisiana.

<https://www.latech.edu/research-innovation-enterprise/innovation-entrepreneurship-resources/>

## 15. Lift Fund Louisiana

Provides loans to startups and minority and women-owned businesses in Louisiana.

<https://www.liftfund.com/locations/louisiana/>

## 16. Communities Unlimited

Provides SBA guaranteed micro-loans of 5K to 15K and personalized assistance to minority-owned, women-owned, and rural small businesses in the South.

<https://communitiesu.org/>

## 17. Louisiana Economic Development Corporation

The Small Business Loan and Guaranty Program provides loans guarantees to banks and other small business lenders on loans of 5K to 1.5M for small businesses.

For loans of \$100,000 or less, there must be one new permanent job or one retained job.

For loans over \$100,000, there must be two new permanent jobs created.

<https://www.opportunitylouisiana.com/business-incentives/small-business-loan-and-guaranty-program>

## 18. Louisiana's Veteran Initiative

Provides support to veteran and service-disabled owned companies that are looking for state contracts and general business opportunities.

<https://www.opportunitylouisiana.com/small-business/special-programs-for-small-business/veteran-initiative>

## 19. Small & Emerging Business Development Program

Provides technical assistance and general support to emerging small businesses led by people with low income and resources and consideration for bidding on select products or services purchased by state agencies.

<https://www.opportunitylouisiana.com/small-business/special-programs-for-small-business/small-and-emerging-business-development-program>