

# Center on Self-Employment

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

## OKLAHOMA STARTUP RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

### 1. REI Business Lending

They provide loans to small businesses including loans of \$1,500 to over 1M.

<https://reibusinesslending.org/businesses/>

### 2. Tulsa Economic Development Corporation Lending

Provides loans averaging 12K and up to 50K for small businesses.

<https://tedcnet.com/programs/lending/micro-loans/>

### 3. Lift Fund Oklahoma

A social impact fund that provides loans to startups and women and minority owned businesses. They provide startup loans, small business loans up to 250K, SBA 7(a) community advantage loans, and business and financial training.

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

### 4. Lift Community Action Lending

Provides loans for small businesses.

Under the SBA Microloan program, loans are for a maximum term of 72 months (6 years) with a fixed interest rate. Loan amounts are from \$500-\$50,000.

USDA rural intermediary program: the loans cannot exceed 75% of the total project cost or a maximum of \$150,000. Loan terms vary.

<https://liftca.org/small-business-lending/>

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## 5. Carmela Hill Legacy Fund at YWCA Tulsa

Provides 5K loans to women entrepreneurs.

## 6. Progress OKC

Provides loans of \$1,000 to \$10,000 for small businesses in East Providence.

<https://www.eastprovidencebusiness.com/commercial-microloan-program>

## 7. Oklahoma Assistive Technology Loan

Provides 2K loan for people with disabilities to buy assistive technology.

<https://www.okabletech.org/guide-to-all-services/financial-program/financial-news-you-can-use/financial-news-july-2021/>

## 8. Woven Life

Non-profit focused on helping people with disabilities in general – formerly Easter Seals.

<https://www.wovenlifeok.org/faq>

## 9. Oklahoma Optional Hiring Program for People with Disabilities

Provides information on how people with disabilities can apply for state government jobs via a special hiring authority but does not guarantee that they will find employment through this program.

[https://www.ok.gov/odc/Employment/Employment\\_Programs/index.html](https://www.ok.gov/odc/Employment/Employment_Programs/index.html)

## 10. Kitchen 66 Tulsa

A food industry incubator that provides support for emerging companies in the food industry.

[Kitchen 66 \(kitchen66tulsa.com\)](https://kitchen66tulsa.com)

## 11. I2e

A pre-seed stage venture capital fund that provides funding of \$50,000 to \$100,000.

[Concept Fund - i2E](#)

## 12. City of Tulsa Small Business Enterprise Program

Seeks to ensure that 10% of all city of Tulsa purchases go to small businesses.

<https://www.cityoftulsa.org/developmentbusiness/small-business-enterprise-program/#:~:text=The%20Small%20Business%20Enterprise%20program,1%20year%20prior%20to%20application>

## 13. Tulsa Small Business Connection

A Program of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce that seeks to expand opportunities for small businesses in Tulsa.

<https://tulsachamber.com/smallbusiness>

## 14. 1 Million Cups

A support organization with a Tulsa, OK, branch for small businesses. Seeks to ensure that entrepreneurship is available to all people regardless of race, gender, or geography. Provides a monthly event where entrepreneurs can present their startups to other founders.

<https://www.1millioncups.com/s/account/0014W00002AqQg2QAF/tulsa-ok>

## 15. 36 Degrees North

A support program for entrepreneurs in Tulsa, OK.

<https://www.36n.co>

## 16. Tulsa Innovation Labs

Led by the George Kaiser Family Foundation; Provides for economic development strategies that promote a tech driven economy.

<https://www.tulsainnovationlabs.com/focus>