

# Center on Self-Employment

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

## OREGON STARTUP RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

### 1. Business Impact Northwest

Provides loans to traditionally excluded groups including people with disabilities, gay and lesbian people, women, veterans and minorities. Offers loans of \$5,000 to \$350,000 at an average interest rate of 9.5%.

<https://businessimpactnw.org/loan/about-our-loans/>

### 2. Oregon Micro Fund

Provides funds to small businesses that have been in business one year; Loan size is \$5,000 to \$250,000 with interest rate of 8% to 14%. Loans are available within 2 to 5 days of application acceptance. Loans last up to 5 years.

<https://www.oregonmicrofund.com/loans>

### 3. Mercy Corps Northwest

Provides loans to people traditionally denied by banks; including women, people of color, undocumented entrepreneurs, and gender nonconforming individuals and to connect them with the mainstream banking sector once they paid off their loans with NW mercy corps. Loans are \$500 to \$20,000.

<https://nw.mercycorps.org/what-we-do/business/loans>

### 4. Tigard County Grants for Small Businesses

"Grants provide a 50% funding match (up to a maximum of \$50,000 for eating and drinking establishments, up to \$25,000 for all other businesses) to help fund the cost of interior or exterior renovations for businesses moving into vacant ground floor commercial spaces in the Tigard Triangle."

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<https://www.tigard-or.gov/business-development/economic-development/resources-for-businesses/tigard-triangle-business-opportunity-fund>

## 5. Micro Enterprise Services Organization

Provides microloans, business planning education, and individual development accounts (IDAs) to disadvantaged entrepreneurs.

[Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon \(mesopdx.org\)](http://mesopdx.org)

## 6. Oregon Employer Council Microloan

Provides microloans to small businesses in Oregon.

[https://www.oregon.gov/EMPLOY/Documents/oec\\_microloan\\_app.pdf](https://www.oregon.gov/EMPLOY/Documents/oec_microloan_app.pdf)

## 7. Self-Employment Assistance Program

A state government agency program that allows people to keep their unemployment benefits while working on a self-employment venture; it is available in most states.

<https://www.oregon.gov/employ/unemployment/pages/sea.aspx>

## 8. Multnomah County Microloan Program

Provides microloans to residents whose incomes are below the median income; they are working with MercyCorps NW and Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon to distribute \$1 million of micro-loans to small business owners whose incomes are below the median income.

<https://www.multco.us/communications/countys-new-microloan-program-offers-money-guidance-small-businesses>

## 9. Blanche Fischer Foundation

Provides support to people with physical disabilities in Oregon who have financial needs.

<https://www.bff.org>

## 10. Advanced Technology & Manufacturing Institute

A high-tech incubator located at the Oregon State University.

[https://atami.oregonstate.edu/atami\\_tools](https://atami.oregonstate.edu/atami_tools)

## 11. BestHQ

An Oregon benefit corporation that was started by an entrepreneurial couple Ron & Jill White to relieve the loneliness of being an entrepreneur and provide support to entrepreneurs and focus on the quadruple bottom line of people, profit, planet, and purpose.

<https://besthq.net/about>

## 12. Eugene Mindworks

A business accelerator and support environment for entrepreneurs.

<https://eugenemindworks.com/benefits>

## 13. Hacienda CDC

Provides a range of services to the Latino community including housing and business services; they offer technical assistance and support services to businesses owned by women, immigrants, and BIPOC individuals.

<https://haciendacdc.org/empresarios>

## 14. Hacienda CDC Commercial Kitchen

Provides a space for local food startups to launch their businesses.

<https://haciendacdc.org/kitchen>

## 15. Fertilab Thinkubator

A pre-accelerator program for startup companies.

<https://www.facebook.com/fertilabthinkubator>

## 16. Oregon Startup Center

Provides funding and support for emerging startups; offers an annual contest where winners get funding plus mentorship and support.

<https://www.oregonstartupcenter.org>

## 17. Oregon Bioscience Incubator

Provides support for scientific startups.

<https://www.otradi.org/facilities>

## 18. Northwest Cleantech Innovators Network

Provides support and financial assistance to cleantech companies, including the opportunity to apply for federal grants; includes the Cascadia Cleantech Accelerator.

<https://cascadiacleantech.org/northwest-cleantech-innovation-network/>

## 19. Vertue Lab

Provides support for cleantech companies.

<https://vertuelab.org/cleantech-accelerator>

## 20. Onami

Provides financial and practical support for scientific startups.

<https://onami.us/investors/find-great-companies>

## 21. Portland Incubator Experiment

Provides funding, mentorship, and educational support for emerging tech companies.

<https://www.piepdx.com/>

## 22. Opportunity Knocks

A financial, mentorship, and educational support group for entrepreneurs in many different industries.

<https://opp-knocks.org>

## 23. Bend Outdoor Worx

Provides financial support and mentorship to companies in the outdoor industry.

<https://bendoutdoorworx.com/manifesto>

## 24. Starve Ups

An accelerator and support program for emerging companies in many different industries.

<https://www.starveups.com/resources/>

## 25. Oregon State University Accelerator

Provides support in a university environment for tech and other startups.

<https://advantage.oregonstate.edu/advantage-accelerator/clients>

## 26. Eugene Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network

Provides a 16-week training program focused on sales and business planning for entrepreneurs.

<http://raineugene.org/>

## 27. TenX Accelerator

An accelerator for emerging growth companies in the tech sector.

<https://www.facebook.com/TenXAccelerator/>

## 28. XXcelerate Fund

Designed to help Oregon female entrepreneurs.

Offers loans of up to 100K to Oregon women entrepreneurs.

[www.xxceleratefund.com](http://www.xxceleratefund.com)

## 29. Portland State University Business Accelerator

Provides support for emerging tech, biotech, and green companies.

[What We Offer | Portland State University \(pdx.edu\)](http://www.pdx.edu/psu-business-accelerator)