

Center on Self-Employment

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

RHODE ISLAND SELF-EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

1. Rhode Island DD Council Program on Self Employment

Provides business planning classes and funding to entrepreneurs with DD in RI; provides up to 2K in funding per entrepreneur.

<https://riddc.org/self-employment/>

2. Living in Fulfilling Environments

An agency that promotes self-employment for people with disabilities.

<http://www.lifeincri.org/services.html>

3. A collection of entrepreneurship resources at Brown University including the Nelson Center for Entrepreneurship

<https://entrepreneurship.brown.edu/>

4. City of Providence Microloan Program

Provides funding of \$500 to \$5,000 for small businesses.

<https://council.providenceri.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/COMMERCIALCORRIDORS-MICRO-BUSINESS-LOAN-faq.pdf>

5. Rhode Island Microenterprise Stabilization Fund

Provides grants of up to \$5,000 for small businesses negatively affected by COVID.

<https://commerceri.com/emergency-grants-and-funding/>

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6. East Providence Microloan Program

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

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

7. Providence Business Loan Fund

Provides loans of \$10,000 to \$25,000 for small businesses in Providence.

<https://providencebusinessloanfund.com/>

8. Rhode Island Black Business Association

Provides technical assistance and loans of \$2,000 to \$25,000 for black-owned businesses in Rhode Island.

<https://ri-bba.org/small-business-programs-2/>

9. Pawtucket Business Development Corporation

Provides loans of up to \$10,000 for small businesses negatively affected by Covid. The three-year loans are available at 2% interest rate.

[Emergency grants and funding - Rhode Island Commerce \(commerceri.com\)](#)

[COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Loan Application March 27 2020 5 PM fill.pdf \(pawtucketri.com\)](#)

10. Citizens Bank

A bank that provides loans of up to 250K for small businesses.

<https://www.citizensbank.com/small-business/overview.aspx?#>

11. Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation Small Business Loan Fund

Provides loans of up to 500K for small businesses that will create or save jobs – provides loans of 50K per job created or saved.

<https://commerceri.com/financing/>

12. Pappito Opportunity Connection Foundation

Provides general support for entrepreneurs of color in Rhode Island.

<https://pocfoundation.com/what-we-do/entrepreneurship/>

13. City of Cranston Revolving Loan Fund

Provides loans of up to 20K for small businesses in Cranston, Rhode Island.

<https://www.cranstonri.gov/departments/economic-development>

14. Social Enterprise Greenhouse

A business incubator and co-working space.

They offer a micro grant fund that provides up to 5K in support for emerging companies.

They also have a loan fund that provides 5K to 25K in loans for small businesses that have revenues of 25K; up to 5K can be used to purchase new equipment.

<https://segreenhouse.org/incubator/>

[Loan Fund & Microgrant Fund - Social Enterprise Greenhouse](#)

15. City of Newport RI Micro Enterprise Fund

Provides loans of 5K to emerging small businesses.

<https://www.cityofnewport.com/en-us/city-hall/departments/planning/microe>

16. Southeastern Economic Development Corporation

Provides loans for small businesses in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

They provide loans of up to 50K through the SBA microloan program.

They also provide up to 250K through small loan program.

<https://seedcorp.com/small-loans>

17. Town of Bristol Revolving Loan Fund

Provides loans to emerging small businesses.

<http://bristolvt.org/boards-commissions-committees/bristol-revolving-loan-fund/>

18. Community Investment Corporation

Provides microloans for small businesses in Rhode Island and Connecticut; provides several levels of loans for different levels of financial need.

<https://ciclending.com/business-loans/>

19. Rhode Island Capital Access Program

A program which is designed to encourage banks and other traditional lenders to increase their lending to small businesses. Offers loans of up to 750K for small businesses.

<https://ricapitalcorp.com/programs/rhode-island-capital-access-program/>

20. Business Development Corporation of Rhode Island

Provides lending to more established businesses in Rhode Island; they work in cooperation with banks. The amount of loan is 90K to 600K.

<https://www.bdcric.com/the-basics/>

21. Rhode Island Hub

An incubator for small businesses.

<https://rihub.org/offerings/>

22. Mass Challenge

Provides support and cash prizes for emerging high growth companies on a global basis. Their founders also often go on to win equity investment elsewhere.

[FAQ | MassChallenge](#)

23. Center for Women and Enterprise

Provides consulting, training, and courses for female entrepreneurs in MA, RI, NH, and VT.

<https://www.cweonline.org/Entrepreneurs/Aspiring-Entrepreneurs-CWE-Can-Help-You-Start-Your-Business>