

Center on Self-Employment

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TEXAS STARTUP RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Texas has a number of loan resources that can benefit entrepreneurs with disabilities and also has one place where people with DD can sell their artwork. Texas has a project on agriculture for people with disabilities. However, Texas has no loan resources that are specifically targeted to entrepreneurs with disabilities.

1. LIFT FUND TEXAS

Provides microloans of up to 500K for emerging small businesses

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

2. BUSINESS INCUBATOR FOR EMERGING TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES

Provides support and mentorship to emerging tech companies at the University of Texas

<https://ati.utexas.edu/launchpad/>

3. KENDRA SCOTT WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Provides support, mentoring, and a funding competition for female entrepreneurs

<https://kswelinstitute.utexas.edu/>

4. BUSINESS INVESTMENT GROWTH

A non-profit microlender which provides loans of up to 15K for startups and 50K for established businesses

<https://www.bigAustin.org/lending>

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5. SOUTH TEXAS BUSINESS FUND

An SBA approved micro lender that provides loans for small businesses

<https://web.sachamber.org/NonProfit-Organizations/South-Texas-Business-Fund-15850>

6. IC2 INSTITUTE

A University of Texas Austin Program to promote entrepreneurship in rural areas

<https://ic2.utexas.edu/>

7. UT- AUSTIN BUSINESS SCHOOL RESOURCES

A collection of entrepreneurial institutes and programs associated with the University of Texas-Austin

<https://www.mcombs.utexas.edu/centers-and-initiatives/>

8. PEOPLE FUND

Provides microloans; provides some loans of up to 25K and some loans of up to 50K

<https://peoplefund.org/get-a-loan/are-you-ready/>

9. BCL OF TEXAS

A nonprofit microlender for women and minority owned businesses; has offices in austin & dallas

<https://bcloftexas.org/lending/small-businesses>

- Texas Small & Diverse Growth Fund provides 5K to 50K loans for new businesses with a focus on women and minority owned businesses
- Offers new business lending of 20K to 50K for companies within 2 years of launch

10. THE ALLIANCE OF TEXAS

A microlender available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, French, and Cantonese that appears designed for immigrants and refugees

<https://thealliancetx.org/entrepreneurship-program/>

- community cloth program to support to support female refugee artisans and artists in Houston
- childcare entrepreneurship program for refugees

11. ALAMO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Government agency that promotes microloans

<https://www.alamoedc.org/about-alamo-edc/incentives/micro-loan-program>

12. TEXAS FOUNDATION OF HOPE

A non-profit foundation that allows people with DD to create and sell artwork for profit

<https://www.texasfoundationofhope.org/>

13. AMARILLO MICROLOAN PROGRAM

A government agency which provides microloans to low and moderate income individuals in Amarillo and in rural areas

<http://www.theprpc.org/programs/EconomicDevelopment/mloans.html>

14. UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Church which offers 1,500 microloans at no interest to small businesses in Austin

<https://www.uumc.org/microlending>

15. JUST COMMUNITY

A microloan program for female entrepreneurs that offers loans of \$500 to \$10,000

<https://hellojust.com/how-it-works/#section-intro>

- each woman has to work with other women in a lending circle where the women help each other along the lines of the Grameen model
- the program is designed to close the racial wealth gap;

16. BEYOND ABLE

Promotes entrepreneurship among adults with developmental disabilities

<https://beyondable.org/inclusion-resources/>

17. A PARTIAL LIST OF BUSINESS INCUBATORS IN TEXAS

To provide a partial list of business incubators in Texas

https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/business/business_incubators_directory.pdf

18. TEXAS TECH INCUBATOR

Program for tech entrepreneurs to work alongside students at Texas Tech to promote tech entrepreneurship

<http://innovatetexastech.com/accelerator/>

19. TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

San Antonio incubator focused on the biotech and tech sectors

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

20. ALLIANCE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Helps tech companies raise capital

<https://www.ntxcic.org/>

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21. AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE BIOSCIENCE INCUBATOR

A bioscience incubator and entrepreneur support network hosted by austin community college

<https://sites.austincc.edu/incubator/>

22. CAPITAL FACTORY

Austin Technology Incubator

<https://www.capitalfactory.com/startups/>

23. VUKA NON-PROFIT AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE INCUBATOR FOR AUSTIN BASED FIRMS

A non-profit designed to challenge the resource gap for women, minorities, and small non-profits

<https://vuka.co/community-impact/vuka-impact-foundation/>

24. SKU CONSUMER PRODUCTS INCUBATOR

An incubator for emerging companies in the consumer products sector - also has office in Atlanta, GA; and in Dallas

<https://sku.is/>

25. DIVINC

To promote equity in entrepreneurship by supporting entrepreneurs from underrepresented communities; promoting women and minority entrepreneurs; also has office in Houston

<https://www.divinc.org/who-we-are>

26. ECONOMIC GROWTH BUSINESS INCUBATOR

A business incubator which provides training and support to entrepreneurs

<https://egbi.org/small-business-resource-guide/>

27. CITY OF AUSTIN SMALL BUSINESS DIVISION

A government agency which seeks to provide training and empowerment to small businesses

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/small-business-division>

28. TEXAS HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES

To provide contracting opportunities for small businesses owned by women and minorities and for disadvantaged small businesses

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/certification-overview>

29. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR PROGRAM FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Government agency which seeks to promote small business

<https://businessintexas.com/>

30. TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

A project to promote economic development and job creation in Texas

<https://businessintexas.com/marketing/>

31. TECH WILDCATTERS

A tech incubator in dallas which supports entrepreneurship; provides funding of up to \$130,000 for emerging tech companies

<https://www.techwildcatters.com/startups>

32. PARTIAL LIST OF TECH INCUBATORS IN DALLAS

Offers support to tech startups

<https://sayyestodallas.com/jobs/startups-in-dallas/incubators/>

33. TECH FORT WORTH

To provide support to tech companies in Ft. Worth

<https://www.techfortworth.org/thinklab-startup-accelerator>

34. HEALTHCARE WILDCATTERS

An accelerator focused on companies in the healthcare sector

provides \$30,000 for 8% share of company and maximum investment of 380,000

<https://www.healthwildcatters.com/accelerator/>

35. FRUITION TECH LABS

Tech incubator from Houston

<https://www.fruitiontechlabs.com/#/Resources>

36. BIO HOUSTON

Houston Biotech Incubator

<http://biohouston.org/>

37. ION HOUSTON

Promotes entrepreneurship in Houston

<https://www.ionhouston.com/accelerators/>

38. HOUSTON EXPONENTIAL

Tech and general business incubator in Houston

<https://www.houstonexponential.org/>

39. HOUSTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The goal is to promote economic development in houston with collaboration between politicians and business people

<https://www.houston.org/>

40. TEXAS PANHANDLE MICROLOAN PROGRAM

Provides loans of \$2,000 to \$40,000 for small businesses

<https://wtenterprisecenter.com/panhandle-micro-loan-program/>

41. PORT ARTHUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Offers a microloan program for small businesses

<https://portarthuredc.org/small-business-micro-loan-program/>

42. TEXAS CAPITAL BANK

A bank which provides small business loans including SBA-backed loans;

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

- offers small business loans up to 750K
- also offers SBA-backed loans of 500K-15M

43. CITY OF FORT WORTH

Partnered with People Fund to offer loans of up to 50K for local small businesses

<https://peoplefund.org/city-of-fort-worth-and-peoplefund-launch-new-microloan-program-supporting-local-businesses/>

44. LAUNCH SAN ANTONIO

A San Antonio business incubator

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

45. EMERGE AND RISE

San Antonio Business Incubator

<https://emergeandrise.org>

46. DEC NETWORK

Program for entrepreneurs in Dallas, Texas

<https://thedec.co/>

47. BILL J PRIEST INSTITUTE

To provide a one stop shop for entrepreneurship resources in Dallas, Texas

<https://workforce.dcccd.edu/bjp/pages/default.aspx>

48. VETERAN WOMEN'S ECONOMIC CENTER

A program for female veterans

<https://veteranwomensec.org>

49. HOUSTON AREA URBAN LEAGUE ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER

An entrepreneurship training and guidance for people of color

<https://www.haul.org/programs/entrepreneurship-center/>

50. FT. BEND COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS GRANT

To aid businesses negatively impacted by covid 19

funding varies by business size and is up to 25K per business

<https://fortbendcounty.com/expansion-and-relocation/grants>

51. DREAMIT

An incubator for health tech, cyber security, and urban tech companies

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

52. MASS TECH TEXAS

To provide economic support to emerging tech companies

<https://masschallenge.org/programs-texas>

53. TEXAS PROJECT ON DISABILITY AND AGRICULTURE

A USDA project which provides support and services including business planning to enable individuals with disabilities and chronic health conditions and functional limitations to start and stay engaged in agriculture

<https://agrability.tamu.edu/about>

50,000 people in agriculture in Texas have a disability

54. BATTLEGROUND TO BREAKING GROUND INITIATIVE

A USDA project that seeks to prepare veterans and other beginning farmers to work in the agriculture industry;

[BattleGround to Breaking Ground Program \(tamu.edu\)](https://www.tamu.edu/battleground)

Provides business planning and disability support services and holistic approaches for veterans and other beginning farmers for the agricultural industry⁵⁵. Texas State Scientific Minigrants

To provide grants for scientific entrepreneurs; provides grants of 3K with an additional 3-5K in some cases and 8K maximum

<https://icorps.txstate.edu/>

56. WOMEN'S BIZ

Project for female entrepreneurs

<https://www.bigastin.org/womens-biz-inc>

57. TEXAS A&M

Financial assistance for students with disabilities

<https://disability.tamu.edu/financialassistance/>

58. PEOPLE FUND BUSINESS ACCELERATOR FOR MINORITIES

Provides loans of up to 50K including grants of up to 5K for minority entrepreneurs

<https://peoplefund.org/bipoc-business-accelerator/>