

# Center on Self-Employment

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

## UTAH STARTUP RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Utah Microloan Fund has a partnership with Utah State University to provide loans to entrepreneurs with disabilities. The remaining resources are designed for all entrepreneurs but can also benefit people with disabilities.

### 1. Utah Microloan Fund

They provide loans of up to \$50,000 to underserved small business owners. They also provide an entrepreneurial course for female business owners.

<https://www.utahmicroloanfund.org>

### 2. Five County EDC Revolving Microloan Fund

A government agency that provides microloans of up to \$50,000 and larger loans of up to \$250,000 to underserved small business owners in Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington Counties.

<http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/programs/community/business.php>

### 3. Boom Startup

A technology focused business incubator that provides loans of up to \$50,000 to small businesses.

<https://www.boomstartup.com>

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#### 4. VentureCapital.org

Provide mentorship and guidance to emerging companies; special programs are available for women and veterans. They also assist entrepreneurs with raising capital for their ventures.

<https://www.venturecapital.org>

#### 5. Utah Women's Business Center

Provides mentorship and training for women business owners including an online build your dream company course; also provides loans of up to 15K through [Kiva.org](https://www.kiva.org). Kiva.org loans are also available for male entrepreneurs.

<https://wbcutah.org>

#### 6. Mentored Accelerator

Provides training and mentorship for entrepreneurs through 3 accelerators – go to market accelerator, revenue accelerator, and scalability accelerator.

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

#### 7. Rural Micro Enterprise Program in Utah

To provide loans for Utah agricultural businesses via the federal government

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-microentrepreneur-assistance-program/ut>

#### 8. Church & State 1893

A business incubator that offers financial support and networking for emerging companies. Their sponsors include Zions bank.

<https://www.cs1893.com>

## 9. Start Studio

To provide loans of up to 20K and support to entrepreneurs in Utah

<https://www.startstudio.com/our-company>

## 10. Pando

To provide funding and support to emerging companies; founded by leading entrepreneur Frank Adelante.

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

## 11. Synchrony Bank

Provides funding and support for female entrepreneurs.

<https://www.synchrony.com/banking-on-women.html>

## 12. Utah State University Institute for Disability Research, Policy & Practice

A state university institute on disability policy and practice.

<https://idrpp.usu.edu/>

## 13. Utah Assistive Technology Program

Provides loans for assistive technology for people with disabilities.

<https://www.usu.edu/uatp/>

## 14. Utah Small Business Loans for People with Disabilities

They partner with the Utah Microloan Fund to offer small business loans to people with disabilities for assistive technology and for general business needs; must provide documentation of disability; receipt of SSI or SSDI is considered automatic proof of disability.

## Details:

- Loan interest rate is prime rate +2% for a loan up to 5 years.
- Processing times are 3 to 6 weeks.
- Loans can be used for home or office modifications; computer and office equipment, and general business needs including farm equipment for entrepreneurs in the agricultural business.
- “Our goal is to increase employment opportunities for Utahns with disabilities.”
- Loan amounts vary based on type of business, business plan and applicant qualifications.

<https://www.usu.edu/uatp/financing/small-business-loans>

## 15. Utah Community Credit Union

Offers small business loans.

<https://www.uccu.com>

## 16. Mountain West Small Business Finance

Provides microloans and regular commercial loans for small businesses.

<https://mwsbf.com>

## 17. Utah Valley University business resource center

Provides resources and support for emerging companies.

<https://www.uvu.edu/uvbrc/>

## 18. Grow Utah

Provides funding and resources to tech startups in Utah; includes links to angel investors and venture capital funds.

<https://www.growutah.com/funding>