

Center on Self-Employment

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

WASHINGTON DC STARTUP RESOURCES

1. Washington Area Community Investment Fund

A fund whose focus is working with minority and women minority entrepreneurs from low-income and moderate-income communities.

<https://wacif.org/services/small-micro-business-loans/>

2. The Hive

This co-working space is designed to provide support and opportunities for women and minority-owned businesses and was acquired by WACIF in 2021.

<https://www.thedhive.com/story>

3. The Latino Economic Development Center Credit Building Loan

This agency is designed to provide support, financial education, and loans for low- and moderate-income Latinos and other underserved communities in Washington, DC, Maryland, Virginia, and Puerto Rico.

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

4. The National Community Reinvestment Coalition Community Investment Fund

The goal of this organization is to increase the flow of private capital into traditionally underserved communities. Their Community Investment Fund is designed to reduce the racial wealth gap by providing funding for entrepreneurship and low-income housing.

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

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5. 2Gether International Disability Startup Network

The goal of this organization is to provide business education, mentoring and support for entrepreneurs with disabilities. They offer 3 cohorts: one for women, one for businesses in the Washington DC metro area, and one for tech companies.

<https://2gether-international.org/pages/disability-startup-network/>

6. 1863 Venture Fund

The goal of this organization is to provide support to minority entrepreneurs in the form of business education and mentoring in areas including marketing, sales, and financial management.

[Why 1863? \(1863ventures.net\)](http://Why1863? (1863ventures.net))

7. Washington DC Women's Business Center

They provide support including mentoring and business training for female entrepreneurs.

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

They also provide ShopHer, a pop-up incubator for 15 female entrepreneurs who own businesses in fields such as the arts, clothing and jewelry inspired by products from the USA, Uzbekistan, Africa, Mexico, and other global areas.

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