Helping Small Businesses Is Our Job

If you are an aspiring entrepreneur or an existing business owner in Maryland... the Maryland Small Business Development Center (SBDC) offers FREE individualized consulting, from start up to established businesses. We also offer comprehensive training programs, from those just thinking about starting a business to executive training, with most classes at low to no cost. The Maryland SBDC Network provides Maryland small business owners with access to trusted business advisors who have experience in starting and growing businesses. We offer expertise and keen insights essential to helping you manage your concerns today, and design solid, long-range plans to secure your vision for tomorrow.
COVID-19 Notice For Maryland SBDC Clients, Stakeholders, And Partners

We are committed to serving our clients during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) health emergency, while maintaining a safe environment for our clients and staff. Following are adjustments we are making to our service delivery during this health emergency.

**Offices** - Over the next three to six weeks, and possibly beyond, most of our office locations will be closed to the public; that may soon change to all our office locations being closed to the public as this crisis unfolds. Please, no walk-ins. Also, please note that all of our offices are hosted by Maryland colleges and universities, which, at various times during March, may be closed for 2 -5 days, depending on the institution, for Spring Break.

**Consulting Services**
New clients can request consulting assistance by clicking on the Smart Start Assessment below.
Continuing clients may continue to contact their consultant by phone, web conference, or email.

**Training**
All in-person training scheduled during the month of March will be canceled, postponed or offered online. If a paid training class is canceled or postponed, participants may request a refund or apply the funds to another class. If the class will be offered online, registered participants will receive an email with instructions for participating in the online class.

**Additional Resources for Small Businesses:**
1. Disaster Assistance Loans - To help with Coronavirus (COVID-19) related business disruption, the US Small Business Administration can provide up to $2 million in the form of a disaster assistance loan for qualified businesses in states where Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) loans are authorized.

   For additional information and to confirm your business is qualified, please visit:
   OR
   contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center, call 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or e-mail disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.


3. The State of Maryland has set up a new website (https://businessexpress.maryland.gov/coronavirus?fbclid=IwAR3anlMoIUFP3wjiUYF1lVW3SxwApaEnuQLeLSAWFXDBkeATmHCDIHqv7GP8) where business owners can get up to date information about how the coronavirus is affected Maryland business.

   Please check back here for updates.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation. Stay healthy!

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Since 1988, the seasoned staff of the Maryland Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network has provided sound advice, consulting and support to entrepreneurs and small businesses across the state. We are part of a national SBDC network—founded in 1979—that helps over 500,000 U.S. businesses annually.

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**I'm Starting A Business**

If you are planning to start, or even thinking of starting, this will assess your readiness.

SMART START ASSESSMENT (/SMART-START-ASSESSMENT)

**I'm A Business Owner**

If you are already in business, this assessment will help us determine your needs.

GET CONSULTING (/CONSULTING-ASSESSMENT)

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**What We Do**

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Business Consulting

Get no- or low-cost consulting in the areas of MONEY, MANAGEMENT, and MARKETING.

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Business Training

Get no- or low-cost training in the areas of MONEY, MANAGEMENT, and MARKETING.

LEARN ABOUT BUSINESS TRAINING (/TRAINING)

Business Funding

We help you get funding for your business from a variety of sources.

LEARN ABOUT BUSINESS FUNDING

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Success Stories
Entrepreneurs have great ideas that they want to see manifested in a successful business. Most of the time, they are missing some critical information, guidance, or skill that would make all the difference. Here are examples of SBDC clients who were able to succeed with our guidance:


### Our Success Stats

- 212 New Maryland Businesses
- 1288 Maryland Jobs Created
- 64 Million In Sales Growth
- 57 Million In Secured Loans

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About Us

The Maryland SBDC is an accredited member of a national network. In addition to our support of small business development, the SBDC is also accredited to provide intellectual property and technology commercialization assistance to businesses in the technology industry.

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