

Small Business Resources

Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) – The SBDC can help you get your small business started with **free** small business advising on writing a business plan, accounting and finance, marketing/digital media, business management, and access to capital. They also offer a variety of small business training classes and workshops. There are two SBDC's in OCWCOG's region, one at Linn-Benton Community College, and one at Oregon Coast Community College.

[Linn-Benton SBDC - Oregon Small Business Development Center Network](#)

[SBDC - Oregon Coast Community College](#)

Oregon Secretary of State – On the Oregon Secretary of State website you can look up business names already in use and register your business name. They also have a very robust guide to starting a business in Oregon.

[State of Oregon: Oregon Secretary of State - Home](#)

[State of Oregon: Business - Starting a Business](#)

Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network (RAINcatalysts) – RAIN is a non-profit organization run by experienced entrepreneurs and local entrepreneurial ecosystem-builders. Partnering with communities to catalyze inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystems, connect entrepreneurs to resources and contribute to the creation of prosperous economies. They have many **free** programs to help you start and grow your business.

[RAIN: Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network](#)

SCORE – SCORE can help you start, grow, or successfully exit a business. They offer **free** mentorship, online courses, workshops/events, and business templates. Small business owners who receive three or more hours of mentoring report higher revenues and increased growth.

[Home page | SCORE](#)

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) - The IRS Small Business and self-employed tax center can assist you with obtaining an Employer ID number (EIN), understanding business structures and business taxes, business tax credits, deducting expenses, recordkeeping, and more. They also offer small business events and online learning.

[Small Businesses Self-Employed | Internal Revenue Service](#)

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) – The SBA has a number of small business loan and guarantee programs where they partner with traditional lenders in order to lower the risk and incent the lender to make loans they might not otherwise have an appetite for. Using the **SBA 504** loan program CWBL can partner with traditional lenders on purchase, construction, or major renovations of commercial properties as well as large equipment purchases. They also have a small business start up guide called 10 Steps to Start Your Business. For additional information on the SBA 504 loan see the **Unity Lending** tab on the CWBL website.

[10 steps to start your business | U.S. Small Business Administration](#)

Business Oregon – Business Oregon is the economic development agency for the State of Oregon. Business Oregon invests in Oregon businesses, communities, and people to promote a globally competitive, diverse, and inclusive economy. They have an Oregon Business Development Fund (OBDF) revolving loan fund for traded sector businesses in manufacturing, processing, or distribution. The program gives preference to projects located in rural or distressed areas and to businesses with fewer than 100 employees. For additional information on small business loans through Business Oregon, please reach out to Didi Aho, Loan Officer, loans@ocwocg.org or call 541-812-1920.