

SMALL BUSINESS & STARTUP TOOLBOX

Business Consultation

- Free one-on-one business advising on basic business start-up questions
- Technical assistance, industry expertise, and referrals to DEDO programs and partner organizations

Handy Checklist: How to Start a Business in Denver

A multi-lingual, step-by-step guide through city agencies and processes - available in [English](#), [Amharic](#), [Arabic](#), [Dari](#), [Nepali](#), [Pashto](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#), and [Vietnamese](#).

LENDING/CAPACITY BUILDING

Small Business Lending

Gap financing of \$25,000 to \$350,000 for projects creating jobs. Micro-loan program for new and existing businesses seeking to launch, grow or stabilize your operations. [Learn more](#).

Business Impact Opportunity (BIO) Fund

The impacts of major construction projects and socioeconomic changes have the potential to disproportionately burden small, neighborhood-serving businesses. To see if your business might be eligible for assistance, email investindenver@denvergov.org.

Denver Scale-Up Network

By invitation, a cohort of small, diverse and emerging Denver CEOs are supported with guidance, connections, and resources needed to take their business from the post-accelerator stage to reach proportionality and profitability.

Business Disruption

Denver has some amazing projects on the horizon that contribute to our unparalleled quality of life, mobility and economic vitality. But the short-term impacts of construction can be hard on a business. Check out [these tips](#) to not only survive, but thrive.



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TAX CREDITS

Business Investment Program

A local Business Personal Property Tax credit for new or expanding businesses. [Read more on program information and eligibility.](#)

Enterprise Zone Tax Credits

The Denver Enterprise Zone is a designated area in Denver that affords qualifying businesses located in the Zone state income tax credit incentives for activities such as job creation, job training, investment in business personal property, and more. [Learn more about this tax credit.](#)

YOUR BUSINESS ADVISORY TEAM

Always free! Receive basic one-on-one consulting from our team. All team members are available for general inquiries. Please note specific subject matter expertise.

General Small Business Advising

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Industry expertise: Professional Services/Finance

Business Retention & Expansion

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Industry Expertise: Manufacturing, incl. Food-Bev/AgTech

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Industry Expertise: Hospitality/ Restaurants

MORE SERVICES

Division of Small Business Opportunity

The DSBO team guides small businesses get certified and able to compete for government contracts. Certification is based on a variety of qualifying factors, such as being minority- or woman-owned or being a disadvantaged business. To learn more about how business certification can help your business' growth, contact the DSBO team at certificationinfo@denvergov.org.

The Commons on Champa

Denver's public campus for entrepreneurs at 1245 Champa St. Events, training, meeting space, networking . . . and free business advising. www.thecommons.co

Tech Startup/Scale-Up Assistance

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Business Plan Reviews/ Small Business Lending

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Denver Workforce Services

Recruiting, training, and retaining competitive talent is key to the success of every company. Our WFS team can help with these critical tasks whether you are a start-up with just a few employees or a larger, international operation, all at no cost. Reach out to Workforce@denvergov.org for more information on how we can support you and your most valuable asset – your people.

We'll Come to You

Make an appointment to meet with a business advisor (listed above) - options include virtual appointments. Language interpretation and/or translation available at no cost to you.