

Empowering Veteran Entrepreneurship from Transition to Small Business Success

SBA Supports:



Transitioning or active duty service member



Veteran of any era



National Guard or Reserve member



Military spouse



Whether starting, purchasing, or growing a business, VBOCs are a one-stop shop for transition assistance, training, counseling, and resource connections.

Federal Advisory Committees

Shaping Policy for Veteran Entrepreneurship

- ★ Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development: coordinates federal efforts to increase and improve veteran small business development
- ★ Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs: serves as an independent source of advice and policy recommendations to the Federal Government about veteran-owned business affairs

The U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Veterans Business Development empowers veterans, active duty service members, National Guard and Reserve members, and military spouses at every stage of business ownership.

Starting & Growing Your Business

Receive management expertise through free counseling, training, and entrepreneurial education.

★ Boots to Business

Offered on military installations worldwide, service members and their spouses can learn business ownership fundamentals, analyze the feasibility of a business idea, and tap into the SBA ecosystem.

★ Boots to Business Reboot

No access to a military installation? Held in local communities throughout the U.S., veterans, Reserve and National Guard members and their spouses can learn the basics of business ownership, evaluate the feasibility of a business idea, and connect with the SBA ecosystem.

★ Women Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Program (WVETP)

A network of SBA partners deliver small business development support to women service members, veterans, and military spouses. Programs are offered in a variety of formats – from online workshops to hands-on mentorship.

★ Service-Disabled Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Program (SDVETP)

Receive entrepreneurial training and learn about the tools and resources available specifically for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs).

Pursue federal procurement opportunities and technical assistance.

★ Veteran Federal Procurement Entrepreneurship Training Program (VFPETP)

Want to enter or expand into government contracting? Learn how to best position a veteran-owned business to win and retain government contracts through federal procurement training.

Funding Your Business

Gain access to capital at any stage of business through various SBA loan programs.

★ 7a Loan Program

Small business loans up to \$5 million through commercial lenders for facilities, equipment, inventory, and working capital

★ CDC/504 Loan Program

Long-term loans up to \$5 million through Certified Development Companies (CDCs) for real estate and large equipment

★ Community Advantage Loan Program

Loans up to \$250,000 through non-profit lenders for business personal property (FF&E) and working capital

★ Microloan Program

Loans up to \$50,000 through non-profit financial institutions (who also provide technical assistance) for working capital

★ Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program

Loans up to \$2 million directly through SBA for working capital if a National Guard or Reserve small business owner or essential employee is called-up to active duty

SBA Veterans Advantage: Reduced upfront guaranty fees on select SBA 7a loans, available for members of the veteran and military small business community (including military spouses and widows)