

Veteran-owned small business general information center that includes resources, information and links to assist veterans with starting or growing their small business.

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Veteran-Owned Small Business General Information

- [Office of Veterans Business Development](#) - information from the SBA on services, lending programs and resources for Veterans.
- [Veterans Business Outreach Centers](#) - operating at [22 service centers](#), VBOC's provide entrepreneurial development services such as business training, counseling and resource partner referrals.
- [National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs \(NASDVA\)](#) - national directory of Veterans Affairs offices in each of the states and the territories.
- [Boots to Business](#) - entrepreneurial training program offered by the SBA.
- [Resources for Veteran Entrepreneurs from SCORE](#) - providing mentorship, training and

free resources to military veteran entrepreneurs.

- [Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans](#) - experiential training in small business ownership and management for service-disabled veterans.
- [Women Veteran-Owned Small Business Initiative](#) - resources for Women Veteran Entrepreneurs from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.
- [Veteran Entrepreneur Portal](#) - resources for Veteran entrepreneurs from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.
- [National Veteran Small Business Coalition](#) - organization providing networking and resources to veteran-owned small businesses.

Financing a Veteran-Owned Small Business

Federal and state government agencies do not provide grants to veterans for starting a business. However, the SBA offers a program to help veterans obtain low-cost startup financing the SBA Veterans Advantage Loan.

- [SBA Veterans Advantage Loan](#) – provides “fee-relief” to veteran-owned small businesses to reduce the barrier of access to capital.
- Visit the [Lender Match](#) to find SBA-approved lenders.
- [SBA Military Reservist Loan](#) – provides financial relief to businesses that have an employee who has been called to active duty.

Government Contracting for Veteran-Owned Small Business

- [Veteran Assistance Programs](#) – federal contracting program for the service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, , including specific opportunities for those who are service-disabled.
- [VA Small and Veteran Business Programs](#) – overview on contracting with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- [Vets First Verification Program](#) – information on verifying veteran-owned or service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses in order to take on federal contracting opportunities
- [Veteran Institute for Procurement](#) – educational training program aimed at teaching

veteran business owners how to win government contracts (added)

- [Contracting Opportunities - SAM.gov](#) - portal for finding active contracting opportunities from the U.S. government.

Employee and Employer Rights

- [Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act \(USERRA\)](#) - Helps veterans and employers understand employee eligibility and job entitlements, employer obligations, benefits and remedies under the Act.
- [Department of Labor Veterans Employment & Training Service](#) - programs that assist veterans in gaining employment and protecting their employment rights.
- [HIRE Vets Medallion Program](#) - recognizing employers for their investment in recruiting, employing, and retaining our nation's heroes.

You can find additional HR information from our [Small Business Human Resources Help Topics](#) page.

Additional Small Business Resources

- View more small business help topics here: [Small Business Information Center](#)
- View business reports here: [Small Business Snapshots](#)
- View industry-specific research here: [Market Research Links](#)
- View information related to cybersecurity here: [Small Business Cybersecurity Resources](#)

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