





OUR MISSION

CNHED advances community economic development solutions that address the inequity of under-resourced communities in the District of Columbia.

ABOUT US

Since its inception in 2000, CNHED has grown from 55 member organizations to nearly 180 today. Our holistic systems-change approach encompasses community-informed budget and policy advocacy, data-driven thought leadership, and needs-based programmatic initiatives in the areas of Housing and Homelessness, Workforce Development, and Small and Minority-owned Business Ecosystem Building.



ORGANIZATIONAL SNAPSHOT

Who is CNHED?

WE ARE...



A collective of 110 nonprofits and 40 mission-based for-profits

WE ARE...



Policy experts and advocates grounded in community

WE ARE...



A community quarterback connecting our members to resources and support

WE ARE...



Innovators leading some of the District's highest-impact social interventions

WE ARE...



Stewards of inclusiveness, justice and equity in all that we do.

ORGANIZATIONAL PILLARS

The foundation that guides the work we do



CONVENE

Bring together diverse groups to partner, learn, collaborate, and establish organizational priorities.



ADVOCATE

Educate stakeholders around community economic development issues and recommend innovative solutions to decision-makers.



INNOVATE

Provide organizational members with the support, knowledge, and tools needed for success.



SUSTAIN

Establish resiliency throughout community economic development organizations and the communities they serve.



EQUIP

Develop new approaches, policies, or programs that address community economic development issues.

CONVENE

CNHED's relevancy and innovation stems from our ability to convene across sectors.



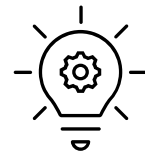
LISTEN

We bring together practitioners, residents, elected officials and others to understand the challenges facing the field.



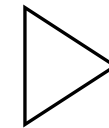
INTERPRET

We brainstorm comprehensive strategies to address these challenges inclusive of research, policy change, community engagement, and programmatic initiatives.



INNOVATE

We design holistic, systems change solutions encompassing research, public policy, community engagement, capacity building, and high-impact initiatives.



IMPLEMENT

We leverage our network and partnerships as we carry out these solutions, working to directly address the challenges of the field.

SMALL BUSINESS



SMALL BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM BUILDING

We serve as a community quarterback who collaborates across small business support organizations and entities to enhance funding, support services, resources, and information for small businesses in DC.



ELEVATE EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

Executive Leadership
Education Venture Advancing
Talented Entrepreneurs
(ELEVATE) Program provides
best-in-class Executive
Education training to minority-
owned small businesses.



DC COMMUNITY ANCHOR PARTNERSHIP

A collaborative of local “anchor institutions” – hospitals, universities, and utility companies – harnessing their purchasing power to grow DC-based minority-owned business enterprises.

SMALL BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM BUILDING

COORDINATION

We serve as a liaison between small businesses, support organizations, and other stakeholders in the ecosystem including government agencies and community lenders. CNHED works to break down barriers in access and communication throughout the entire ecosystem, improve the coordination between stakeholders, and streamline access to services and support.

NAVIGATING RESOURCES

CNHED created and manages DCsmallBizHelp.com, a robust resource repository designed to assist DC business owners and entrepreneurs effortlessly navigate the wide array of programs, resources, and support organizations within the small business ecosystem.

CONVENING

Our community stakeholders and partners expressed a need for opportunities to network, receive training, and cultivate B2B relationships within the ecosystem. To meet this need, CNHED hosts numerous informational and educational convenings benefiting local small businesses and the organizations that serve them.

CNHED's Small Business Ecosystem Building work is made possible by the generous support of The Truist Charitable Fund.

Plan, Start and Grow Your Business

Business Support Organizations

Capital Providers

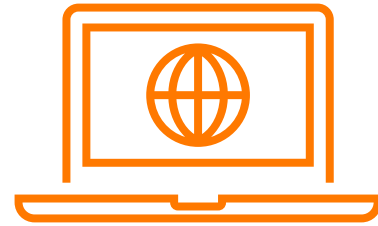
District Government Services for Businesses

DC SMALL BIZ HELP

A robust resource hub to help you discover, **connect to,**
and navigate DC's small business ecosystem.

GET HELP WITH YOUR BUSINESS NOW

WEBSITE FEATURES



WEBSITE FEATURES

A one-stop resource hub to plan, start, and grow your business.

GUIDANCE

Help to effectively steer entrepreneurs throughout the various stages of small business ownership.

SEARCH & FILTER

Discover, connect to, and navigate DC's small business ecosystem – Small Business Support Organizations, Capital Providers, & District Government Agencies.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Search upcoming small business-related webinars, workshops, training programs, networking events, and more.

IMPACT STORIES

Success stories that highlight how various small business ecosystem players contributed to the success of local businesses.

Plan, Start and Grow Your Business

Businesses require different levels of support and guidance depending on their stage. Whether you're just starting out as a small business owner or aiming to expand and achieve lasting success, the following guidance is designed to assist your business in planning, launching, and growing.



Plan

Turn Your Business Idea
into Reality



Start

Launch
a Successful Business



Grow

Advance Your Business
to the Next Level



Know what you're searching for?

Simply head below and click on a filter or search by keyword to find the resources you need.



Unsure where to begin?

For information and guidance on planning, starting, and growing your business

[Click Here >](#)

 Keyword Search

Search

Business Assistance Services ▾

Locations Served ▾

Specialized Industries ▾



ANACOSTIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (AEDC)

The Anacostia Economic Development Corporation's Small Business Development Center, through its

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District Government Services for Businesses

D.C. agencies offer a diverse range of essential services and resources that support small businesses from their inception through every stage of their life cycle. Committed to ensuring enduring success, these agencies collaborate with entrepreneurs to provide guidance, financial support, and other vital services.

Explore the diverse offerings from District agencies below. Use the convenient filters to find the targeted support you need.

Business Assistance Services ▾

🔍 Keyword Search

Search



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION (ABCA)

The mission of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) is to support the public's health, safety, and welfare through the control and regulation of the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages and medical cannabis. It is responsible for approving alcohol and medical cannabis licenses, enforcing pertinent...

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DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (DOES)

The mission of the Department of Employment Services (DOES) is to connect District residents, job seekers, and employers with opportunities and resources that empower the development of fair, safe, and effective

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Access to Capital

Capital serves as the lifeblood for small businesses that enable them to handle basic operations, cover daily expenses, and facilitate expansion.

Small businesses in the District have a variety of options for securing capital. Choosing the right lender depends on factors such as a business's financial health, the purpose of the loan, and repayment terms that align with the business's cash flow.

Community Development Financial Institutions

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) are specialized financial institutions that provide affordable financial services, such as loans and investments, to underserved communities and small businesses.

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Microfinance Institutions

Microfinance Institutions are financial entities that provide small-scale financial services, including loans and savings accounts, to entrepreneurs and small business owners in low-income or underserved communities.

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Traditional Banks

Traditional banks are financial institutions that offer a range of services such as business loans, checking and savings accounts, and financial advice tailored to the needs of small businesses, often requiring collateral and following established banking procedures.

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Government Programs

The DC government offers various financing programs tailored for small businesses, providing access to loans, grants, and other financial assistance to support their growth and development in the District.

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Explore the directory below for more information on local lenders and government financing options to make an informed decision for the growth of your business.

🔍 Keyword Search

Search

Type of Financing ▾

Type of Provider ▾

Locations Served ▾



BANK OF AMERICA

Bank of America provides industry-leading advice, connections, tools and solutions to businesses of all sizes, along with dedicated support to address their unique needs to bank how, where and when they want. We are focused on delivering resources and information to help our business clients navigate what's happening now...

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CITIZENS BANK

Citizens offers a wide variety of products and services to assist in both starting and growing your small business tailored to the business' needs.

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CITY FIRST ENTERPRISES

We create equitable financial solutions to support people and communities in achieving their economic

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Latino Economic Development Center

The Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC) is the catalyst that drives the economic and social advancement of low-to-moderate-income Latinos and other underserved communities by equipping them with the skills and tools to achieve financial independence and become leaders in their communities.

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LOCATIONS SERVED
Districtwide

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED

LEDC equips small businesses by providing one-on-one technical assistance and training workshops to help them launch new enterprises and support existing businesses with business planning, financial projections, and marketing support among others. Services are offered in English and Spanish. Their team of business coaches provide actionable and practical advice on a wide range of areas, including: business planning and strategy, licensing and permitting, marketing, grant application assistance and more.

LEDC provides several specialized programs throughout the year like:

- Food Venture Initiative designed to support food entrepreneurs at different stages of their journey
- Empowered Women's International, a women focused program that offers entrepreneurship and financial literacy training
- How to Create Your Dream Business Bootcamp is a four-module series that equips entrepreneurs



Training & Events

Whether you're looking for trainings to start or grow your business, opportunities to network and find new clients, or workshops to hone your skills; the District's Small Business Ecosystem delivers.

Something missing? You can submit your own event, too!

Submit Your Event or Training

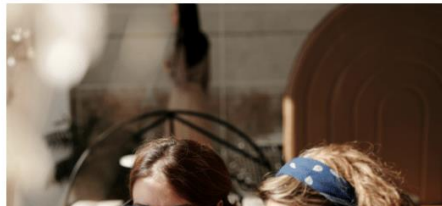
Upcoming Events

Take a look at some of the upcoming small business-related trainings or events happening around DC!

Keyword Search Search

Date Range Selector

Event Category



October 02, 2024

10.00 AM - 2.00 PM

Business Diagnostic Check - In Person Wednesday's



October 02, 2024

11.00 AM - 12.00 PM

Insurance for Small Business

In this webinar, you'll learn about



Stories of Impact

Impact stories spotlight the unique journeys of the featured small businesses and the pivotal decisions they made with help along the way.

Here's just a few of the ways DCsmallBizHelp has helped change the business support landscape for the better.



"With the help of The Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD), my business became a



"We utilized the DC Small Business Development Center (DC SBDC) at Howard University to help finalize the

WORKSHOP CALENDAR

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Receive our weekly workshop calendar by email.

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DC SMALL BIZ HELP WORKSHOP CALENDAR



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Your Weekly Small Business Workshop Calendar is Here!

CNHED is committed to strengthening and expanding the small business ecosystem in the District, serving as a community quarterback that collaborates with small business support organizations and entities to enhance funding, support services, resources, and information for small businesses in DC. The DC Small Biz Help Workshop Calendar showcases local trainings, networking opportunities, B2B events, and more for District entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Something interesting? Visit www.DCSmallBizHelp.com/subscribe to submit your own event or workshop!

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST
6
2:00PM

Pop Up Prep: Set Your Booth Up for Selling Start Small Think Big

In this webinar, we'll discover how to identify your selling opportunities and maximize your sales. It's a partnership with Mike Walker, founder of youpreneur, you'll learn how to set clear goals, plan your booth, and more. Whether it's selling specific products, target a specific audience, or selling networking opportunities.

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AUGUST
6
6:00PM

Storytelling Para Dueños de Negocios Latin Economic Development Center (LEDC)

In this webinar, you'll discover how to share your brand's story and maximize your sales. In partnership with Mike Walker, founder of youpreneur, you'll learn how to set clear goals, plan your booth, and more. Whether it's selling specific products, target a specific audience, or selling networking opportunities.

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Download our latest
DC Small Biz Help Workshop
Calendar to explore
upcoming events, trainings,
networking opportunities, and
more!

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