Resources for Self-Employed Taxpayers

The following is a list of organizations that may be of assistance in starting or growing a small business. We do not endorse any of the listed organizations or guarantee the accuracy of the information provided by them.

Financing:

People Fund
PeopleFund creates economic opportunity and financial stability for underserved people by providing access to capital, education and resources to build healthy small businesses.

2921 E. 17th Street Building D Suite 1
Austin, TX 78702
(512) 472-8087
https://peoplefund.org/

Accion Opportunity Fund
Provides credit to small businesses that do not have access to loans from commercial sources.

(888) 215-2373
https://aofund.org/

BCL of Texas (Business & Community Lenders of Texas)
BCL of Texas is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit economic development organization providing lending, homeownership, entrepreneurship, and community development programs to fulfill our mission of Building Strong Communities across Texas.

1011 San Jacinto Blvd
Suite 500
Austin, TX 78701
(512) 912-9884
https://bcloftexas.org/

Federal Help for Financing:

US Grants: USA Grant Applications
USA Grant Applications is an online grant application system that accesses free money applications from a variety of sources and turns them over to you. USA Grant Applications was designed to give you the help you need to locate and apply for these funds because if you are like most Americans, you just don't know where to start.
https://usagrantapplications.org/v9/?tc=ya&msclkid=dee2ea45c8221f164fed8bd35000c820

US Small Business Administration: Office of Small Business Development Centers
The Mission of the Office of Small Business Development Centers is to promote

entrepreneurship, small business growth and the U.S. economy by providing the critical funding, oversight and support needed by the nationwide network of Small Business Development Centers.
www.sba.gov
https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-locations/headquarters-offices/office-small-business-development-centers

Counseling/Courses:

EGBI (Economic Growth Business Incubator)
EGBI provides training, coaching and support to aspiring and existing business owners who face barriers to growing a successful business.

1144 Airport Blvd #260
Austin, TX 78702
(512) 928-2594
http://egbi.org/

SCORE
Provides free 1-on-1 counseling and mentoring. Classes in English and Spanish on business plans, marketing, loans, and start-up issues.

5524 Bee Caves Rd, Bldg M, Suite 100
Austin, TX 78746
512-928-2425
https://www.score.org/austin

Texas State University Small Business Development Center
Provides start up information, along with business plan, marketing, financial, and accounting assistance.

505 E Huntland Drive Suite 460
Austin, TX 78752
512-520-9379
https://sbdc.mccoy.txstate.edu/

BiG Austin (Business Investment Growth)
BiGAUSTIN has been at the heart of Central Texas entrepreneurship for over 25 years! We are focused on a combination of small business and workforce development. We provide innovative solutions and create financial strength for our clients. We remain proudly committed to building healthy, sustainable communities.

8000 Centre Park Drive, Suite 200
Austin, TX 78754
(512) 928-8010
info@bigaustin.org
https://www.bigaustin.org/

Austin Community College Continuing Education Small Business
Jumpstart or refine your small business management skills. The Continuing Education

Small Business Management Series at ACC covers business fundamentals, including business planning, market research and analysis, HR and operations planning, financials, and legal concerns.
https://continue.austincc.edu/business

Austin Community College Associate Degree in Business Programs
Austin Community College offers two-year associate degrees in business for Central Texas's high demand fields. It provides a strong foundation for a successful business career.
https://www.austincc.edu/academic-and-career-programs/areas-of-study/business

Legal:

Legal Assistance to Microenterprise Project of Texas
Provides free legal assistance to financially eligible small businesses. Conducts classes in English and Spanish on business structure; local, state, and federal taxes; licensing issues; transactional questions.

RioGrande Legal Aid
4920 North IH 35
Austin, TX 78751
512-374-2700
www.texascbar.org

Resources for Specific Populations:

HIAS Economic Advancement Fund
HIAS is one of the nine voluntary agencies authorized by the U.S. government to resettle refugees. HIAS Economic Advancement Fund (EAF) provides access to affordable capital, business coaching, technical assistance, and financial education, helping entrepreneurs build sustainable businesses, achieve economic self-sufficiency, and contribute to the communities they call home.
https://hiaseaf.org/

Texas Free Grants and Loans for Minority and Women-Owned Businesses
https://www.womenandminoritybusiness.org/texas-free-grants-and-loans-for-minority-and-women-owned-businesses/

Capital City African American Chamber of Commerce
Provides assistance with business plans, marketing, financial issues, bid packaging, and computer classes for new and existing small businesses.

912 E. 11th Street, Suite A
Austin, TX 78702
512-459-1181
https://www.austinbcc.org/

Greater Austin Asian Chamber of Commerce
Provides seminars on how to start a business, business financing, marketing, and government procurement. Assists with writing business plans, financial assessment,

and loan packaging.

8001 Centre Park Drive, Suite 160
Austin, TX 78754
512-407-8240 | www.austinasianchamber.org

Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Provides classes and 1-on-1 consulting on how to start a business, loans, and financial management. Assists with business plans. Access to a computer lab and computer literacy training.

1016 La Posada Dr., Suite 142
Austin, TX 78752
512-476-7502
www.gahcc.org

More Resources:

City of Austin Small Business Division
Our program strives to provide helpful programs and resources to guide small business owners.

5202 E. Ben White Blvd, Suite 400
Austin, TX 78741
512-974-7800
http://www.austintexas.gov/department/small-business-development-program

Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce
Provides free and low cost workshops on management, sales, and marketing.

535 East 5th St
Austin, TX 78701
512-478-9383
www.austinchamber.org
Info: Provides free and low cost workshops on management, sales, and marketing.

Internal Revenue Service Small Business Self-Employed
Website provides tax tips, tax calendar, rules and regulations, information for new businesses and individual industries.

512-499-5529
www.irs.gov/smallbiz

Small Business Assistance, Office of Economic Development, Office of Texas Governor
Offers a variety of services, including assistance with permitting, licensing and regulatory compliance, small business resource referrals and informational small business webinars and events.
https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/small-business