

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCE CONTACTS

Center for Rural Affairs, Rural Enterprise Assistance Project (REAP) <http://www.cfra.org/reap>

REAP offers technical assistance, training, loans up to \$250,000. For special training opportunities the Women's Business Center and Hispanic Business Development Center. Due to no staff in our region contact Lori Schrader at 402-870-7070 or loris@cfra.org.

Nebraska Business Development Centers <http://nbdc.unomaha.edu/>

NBDC offers business planning, training, valuations, loan packaging, government contracting, and a variety of technical assistance. Link to local contacts: <http://nbdc.unomaha.edu/financing-options/consultants.cfm>

Nebraska Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO) <http://www.nedcoloans.org/#>

NEDCO is a SBA 504 lender, and has USDA Intermediary Relending Program and EDA Revolving loan funds. They are good with helping with buildings and usually only require 10% equity.

Nebraska Enterprise Fund (NEF) <http://www.nebbiz.org/>

NEF offers technical assistance and loans up to \$150,000. Tonia Franklin, toniaf@nebbiz.org 402-685-5500 Ext 206

Southeast Nebraska Development District/TCEDA <https://www.sendd.org/economic-development> Nebraska regional development districts offer various revolving loans funds and technical assistance. Tom Bliss, Executive director 402-475-2560; tbliss@sendd.org

USDA Rural Development <http://www.rd.usda.gov>

The USDA Rural Development program promotes economic development through loans to businesses provided through banks, credit unions, and community-managed lending pools. They also offer energy efficiency grants and loans to businesses.

GROW Nebraska www.grownebraska.com

Training and technical assistance with marketing Nebraska products. Janell Anderson Ehrke, phone 888-growneb

Imagine Nebraska Tax Incentives <https://imagine.nebraska.gov/about-the-program>

Mostly for manufacturers and must have a minimum of 5 new employees and 1 million in investment for rural areas.

Innovation & Entrepreneurship Program <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/start-your-business/resources/>

Grants are available for qualified businesses that want to: create a prototype, do research and development, commercialize a product, apply for SBIR and Economic Gardening.

Nebraska Department of Economic Development Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

<https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/community/cdbg/>

CDBG/ED is a grant to a city, village, or county that re-loans the money to a local qualifying business for gap financing. These funds have to create jobs that benefit low to moderate individuals. Usually run through an NDO when paid back.

Invest Nebraska <http://www.investnebraska.com/>

Invest Nebraska offers venture capital and angel investment programs.

Nebraska Extension [Community Vitality Initiative \(CVI\) with Small Business Programs | Nebraska Extension \(unl.edu\)](#)

UNL Cooperative Extension offers technical assistance. Community Vitality Initiative (CVI) Ben Dutton - ben.dutton@unl.edu 308-345-3390

Micro-Enterprise Tax Credits – <http://www.revenue.nebraska.gov/incentiv/microent/microent.html>

Micro-Enterprise Tax credits provide a 20 percent refundable tax credit to micro businesses on increased compensation for employees or increased investment in targeted communities. Applicants may qualify for a maximum of \$10,000 for the life of the program. The credit is limited to companies with five or fewer employees at the time the application. Credits are approved on a first in - first out basis with an application process through the Nebraska Department of Revenue.