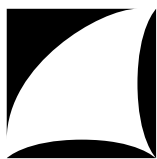


Small Business Assistance Program

Helping your business grow in Rhode Island.



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The Small Business Assistance Program:

The goal of the program is to assist viable entrepreneurs and small business that encounter difficulty obtaining adequate credit from traditional lending organizations. Among the businesses the program targets are women- and minority-owned establishments as well as enterprises in Rhode Island's underserved communities.

The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation Partners:

For direct loans at or above \$25,000:

- Business Development Company of Rhode Island (BDCRI)
- South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation
- Community Investment Corporation (CIC)

For direct micro-loans between \$2,000 and \$25,000:

- Center for Women & Enterprise (CWE)
- Social Enterprise Greenhouse (SEG)
- Community Investment Corporation (CIC)

Rhode Island Capital Access Program for \$1,000—\$750,000:

The program encourages banks and credit unions to make slightly riskier loans by providing matching funds from the state to create cash collateral accounts. Rhode Island Capital Corporation, which administers the program, also offers a full suite of business lines of credit, SBA loans, term loan, and mezzanine investment from \$50,000 to \$5 million. Dave Harrington, (781) 928-1117 and Carol Brennan (860) 218-2913

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