

DC Small Business Development Center

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Cost

Free

All educational workshops are available at no cost, however, there is a fee for the Food Manager Safety Certificate course.

Business Stages Served

All Stages

Languages Offered

English, Spanish, Amharic, French

Wards/Neighborhoods Served

Districtwide

Business Assistance Services

Specialized Industries

Financing and Budgeting Services

Business Planning and **Development Services**

Human Resources Services

Space and Leasing Services

Mission Description

Headquarted at Howard Univerity School of Business, DC SBDC provides high-quality services and programs to elevate business acumen and empower new and existing businesses. They work with entrepreneurs to help them with a range of business issues, including testing a new business proposition, shaping a business plan, investigating funding opportunities, and much more.

Programs and Services

DC SBDC offers one-on-one technical assistance with specialized small business counselors, that includes loan application assistance, help with government contracts and procurement, and socio-economic certification programs like 8(a) Certification and HUBZone Certification. They also offer many free educational workshops each month.

Their Open Access DC program is an online portal for food entrepreneurs to find and utilize local resources with information about capital, permitting and licensing, and training programs that will help them plan, launch, and grow their businesses in the Washington D.C. area.

The Financial Literacy counseling program provides financial literacy programs for small business owners.

They also host a free e commerce platform for clients called Shop DCSBDC.

