Small Business Technical Assistance Providers in South King County

Business Advising & Training

**Business Impact NW**
Launch, grow, or fund your small business with classes, workshops, one-on-one coaching, referrals, and loans. Home of Washington Women’s Business Center, Veterans Business Outreach Center, Food Business Resource Center, and the Loan Readiness Center

Open to all, with an emphasis on serving underserved populations; Spanish-speaking; other translation services available

Email: info@businessimpactnw.org  
Phone: 206-324-4330  
Website: businessimpactnw.org

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**El Centro de la Raza Business Opportunity Center**
Provides small business owners and entrepreneurs with business development advice, credit counseling, group classes, and access to a variety of services to foster long-term financial stability

Serves low-moderate income residents of King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties; Spanish-speaking

Email: vcserrato@elcentrodelaraza.org  
Phone: 360-986-7022  

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**Childcare Resources**
Provides training to immigrants and refugees, enabling them to achieve sustainable careers in the childcare field; Provides childcare centers with consultants trained to offer one-on-one support

Serves childcare providers in King County

Email: provider@childcare.org  
Phone: 206-329-1011 and 1-800-446-1114  
Website: childcare.org

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**Food Innovation Network**
Support for aspiring entrepreneurs from South King County through business coaching, networking, support obtaining permits, securing subsidized kitchen rent, and marketing opportunities

Serves low- and moderate-income immigrants and refugees in South King County

Email: Njambi@foodinnovationnetwork.org  
Phone: 206-291-7407  
Website: foodinnovationnetwork.org

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**City of Kent Economic Development**
Works closely with stakeholders to identify creative solutions to challenging problems that enhance economic growth and expand opportunities for residents and business owners

Serves residents of Kent, WA

Email: EconomicDevelopment@KentWA.gov  
Phone: 253-856-5454  
Website: KentWA.gov

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**Impact Washington – NIST MEP**
A non-profit organization dedicated to delivering value-driven consulting and training solutions to WA-based manufacturers, helping them compete and grow.

Serves manufacturing businesses in WA

Email: info@impactwashington.org  
Phone: 425-438-1146  
Website: impactwashington.org

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**Communities Rise**
Business legal support and training to connect small businesses with the support they need to grow

Serves South King County income-eligible business owners; Spanish-speaking

Email: contact@communities-rise.org  
Phone: 206-324-5850  
Website: communities-rise.org

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**Native Business Center**
Indian Country’s hub for Native business news, training, technical assistance, and resources

Serves Native-owned small businesses in WA

Email: tracy@sisterskycn.com  
Phone: 509-315-9808  
Website: nativebusinesscenter.com
Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Individual, confidential, no-cost advising on all phases of business development

Four offices serving South King County businesses; Spanish-speaking advisors available

- Green River College Small Business Center - Kent Station Campus
  - Email: kgrossman@greenriver.edu
  - Phone: 253-520-6260
  - Website: grcsmallbusiness.org

- Green River College Small Business Center - Auburn Center
  - Email: thornby@greenriver.edu
  - Phone: 253-520-6260
  - Website: grcsmallbusiness.org

- Highline College Small Business Development Center - Des Moines
  - Email: sbdc@highline.edu
  - Phone: 206-592-4151
  - Website: sbdc.highline.edu

- Washington Small Business Development Center - Tukwila
  - Email: washington@wsbdc.org
  - Phone: 206-246-4445
  - Website: wsbdc.org

University of Washington Consulting and Business Development Center

Group and individual consulting and business courses

Serves underrepresented/ minority-owned businesses, and businesses in underserved and economically distressed areas

- Email: gmichan@uw.edu
- Phone: 206 543-9545
- Website: foster.uw.edu/consult

Ventures

One-stop-shop for low-cost business training, coaching, loans, and startup incubation programs

Serves income-eligible startup and current WA-based small business owners; Spanish-speaking

- Email: info@venturesnonprofit.org
- Phone: 206-352-1945
- Website: venturesnonprofit.org

Veterans Business Outreach Center

Business support for active duty, veterans, and their families, including training, coaching, and networking events

Serves Active Duty, Veterans, Guard/Reserve Members and Military spouses starting, purchasing or growing a business

- Email: vboc@businessimpactnw.org
- Phone: 206-324-4330
- Website: businessimpactnw.org/vboc

Washington Center for Women in Business

Training, mentoring, and business development assistance focused on supporting women entrepreneurs

Specializes in serving women owners of small and medium size businesses

- Email: info@wcwb.org
- Phone: 360-754-6320
- Website: wcwb.org

South Sound/ Tacoma SCORE

Mentorship program pairing business owners with experienced business professionals who volunteer their time to help others start and grow their businesses

Serves startup and existing businesses in South King, Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Mason, and Grays Harbor Counties

- Email: score.tacoma@gmail.com
- Phone: 1-855-685-0166
- Website: tacoma.score.org

StartZone

Accessible, affordable training, consulting, and other support for building small businesses that are bankable, profitable, and sustainably connected to the local economy

Serves residents of South King County

- Email: psivongxay@highline.edu
- Phone: 206-592-3220
- Website: startzone.highline.edu
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Washington Procurement Technical Assistance Center
No cost, confidential, individual technical assistance on all aspects of selling to government entities
Serves established King County firms involved or interested in government contract procurement; Spanish-speaking

Email: dsundell@greenriver.edu; king@washingtonptac.org
Phone: 253-520-6267
Website: https://www.greenriver.edu/students/academics/continuing-community-education/small-business-center/government/

Chambers of Commerce & Membership Organizations

African Chamber of Commerce of the Pacific Northwest
Membership-based training, networking, and advocacy for businesses to develop in emerging markets of Africa
Specializes in serving businesses working with or in Africa; BIPOC, women, and immigrants

Email: african.chamberofcommerce@commerce.wa.gov
Phone: 206-256-6139
Website: accpnw.com

Auburn Chamber of Commerce
Membership organization dedicated to advocacy, education, workforce development, and business support
Specializes in serving businesses in Auburn, Algona, Pacific, and surrounding areas

Email: connect@auburnareawa.org
Phone: 253-833-0700
Website: auburnareawa.org

GSBA Washington State’s LBGTQ+ & Allied Chamber of Commerce
LGBTQ+–appropriate business resources, training, and support
Specializes in serving members of the LGBTQ+ community and allied businesses

Email: biztech@thegsba.org
Phone: 206-363-9188
Website: thegsba.org

Kent Chamber of Commerce
Membership organization offering networking opportunities, business education services, legislative advocacy, and one-on-one technical assistance
Serves businesses in South King County

Email: info@kentchamber.com
Phone: 253-854-1770
Website: kentchamber.com

Kent Downtown Partnership (KDP)
Community building programs for Kent’s Downtown area, including networking, advocacy, and business advancement
Serves Kent historic downtown businesses, residents, and property owners

Email: info@kentdowntown.org
Phone: 253-813-6976
Website: downtownkentwa.com

Renton Chamber of Commerce
Local business support, including leadership development, networking opportunities, advocacy, and resources to promote business prosperity
Specializing in serving businesses in Renton

Email: Use Contact Form on website
Phone: 425-226-4560
Website: gorenton.com/chamber-of-commerce/chamber-home.html
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Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
High-quality networking and professional development, cost-saving programs, and local/ regional advocacy
Serves businesses in South King County
Email: info@seattlechamber.com
Phone: 206-389-7200
Website: seattlechamber.com

Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce
Community-driven information and resources for local businesses to help them grow
Serves businesses South of Seattle and in South King County
Email: staff@seattlesouthsidechamber.com
Phone: 206-575-1633
Website: seattlesouthsidechamber.com

Tabor100
Association of entrepreneurs and business advocates committed to building economic power and social equity for African-Americans and community at large. Membership provides access to one-on-one support, business professional services, trainings, and networking events.
Serves African Americans and the community at large, specializing in small businesses
Email: staff@tabor100.org
Phone: 425-528-0108
Website: tabor100.org

Cultural/Language-Specific Organizations

Asia Pacific Cultural Center
Culturally-appropriate one-on-one small business technical assistance
Specializes in serving members of the Asian and Pacific Islander communities
Email: faaluaina@asiapacificculturalcenter.org
Phone: 253-478-3941
Website: asiapacificculturalcenter.org

Centro Rendu
Supporting Latino immigrant families through education, social services, legal advocacy, and leadership development
Serves Immigrant families, youth and seniors in Northwest WA; Spanish-speaking
Email: centrorendu@svdpeattle.org
Phone: 253-499-4245
Website: centrorendu.org

Ethiopian Community in Seattle
Community organization that holds monthly membership meetings to share information, network, and make referrals, including for culturally aware legal advice
Serves African, African American or Black, Multi-Racial business owners throughout King County; Amharic-speaking
Email: info@ecseattle.org; sophiab@ecseattle.org
Phone: 206-325-0304
Website: www.ecseattle.org

Filipino Community of Seattle
Offers one-on-one business consultations, for assistance with topics such as networking, marketing, budgeting, translations, and grant applications
Serves Filipino and South Cambodian business owners in King County and throughout WA; services available in Filipino dialects
Email: info@filcommsea.org
Phone: 206-722-9372
Website: filcommsea.org
Horn of Africa
Social service provider offering support to entire family (16 months-seniors), including business technical support to women-owned home childcare providers
Serves East African immigrants and refugees in King County; Afaan Oromo, Amharic, and Tigrinya-speaking
Email: info@hoas.org
Phone: 206-760-0550
Website: hoas.org

Indian American Community Services (IACS, formerly IAWW)
Small business support services, including mentoring, translation, marketing, and legal services
Specializes in serving members of the Indian American and underserved communities
Email: directorcommunity@iaww.org
Phone: 253-234-9989
Website: iacswa.org

Iraqi Community Center
Technical assistance and referrals for small businesses
Specializes in serving refugees, immigrants, and startups
Email: info@ircccw.org
Phone: 253-243-7744
Website: ircccw.org

Muslim Association of Puget Sound
Culturally-appropriate technical assistance offered in nine resource categories
Serving any small businesses
Email: smallbiz@mapssredmond.org
Phone: 425-861-9555
Website: mapssredmond.org

Seattle Washington State Korean Association
Technical assistance offered via the Korean American Resource Center
Specializes in serving members of the Korean community; business owners requiring technology assistance
Email: cc19tf@gmail.com
Phone: 206-428-3762
Website: seattleka.org

UTOPIA WA
Culturally-appropriate resources based in advocacy, education, and research
Specializes in serving members of the LGBTQIA+ communities, centering members of the Queer & Trans Pacific Islanders
Email: mail@utopiawa.org
Phone: 253-478-3941
Website: utopiawa.org

World Relief
Navigation services for refugee and asylee resettlement including job training; assistance starting a business; access to capital; English language training; immigration and legal services; immigration detention ministry; children and family services
Serves refugee, immigrant, and asylee small business owners
Email: dfernandez@wr.org or infoseattle@wr.org
Phone: 253-277-1121
Website: worldreliefseattle.org
Financing Providers

**Business Impact NW**
A compassionate small business nonprofit lender that is more flexible than traditional banks with loans up to $350,000 serving startups and established businesses
Serves small businesses in WA and OR; Spanish-speaking; other translation services available

- **Email:** info@businessimpactnw.org
- **Phone:** 206-324-4330
- **Website:** businessimpactnw.org

**Craft3**
Nonprofit lender focusing on entrepreneurs unable to obtain bank financing. Provides flexible and tailored debt capital to help customers grow their business
Serves business owners in WA and OR; Spanish-speaking

- **Email:** shakim@craft3.org
- **Phone:** 888-231-2170 extension 303
- **Website:** craft3.org

**Mercy Corps NW**
Small business loans from $4,500 - $50,000 to startups and existing businesses who do not qualify for traditional loans; mentors across a variety of industries
Serves small businesses in WA, OR, AK, and Northern Idaho

- **Email:** pugetsound@mercycorps.org
- **Phone:** 503-896-5478
- **Website:** nw.mercycorps.org

**Evergreen Business Capital (EBC) & Evergreen Business Capital Community Finance (EBCCF)**
Development Company and Community Development Financial Institution that offer loans to small businesses
Serves small businesses in WA, OR, AK, and Northern Idaho

- **Email:** info@evergreen504.com; info@ebccf.org
- **Phone:** 206-622-3731
- **Website:** evergreen504.com; ebccf.org

**Small Business Flex Fund**
Small business and non-profit loans up to $150,000 for working capital expenses
Serves small businesses and nonprofits in WA. Must have <50 employees, have been impacted by COVID-19, and been in operation for at least 1 year

- **Website:** SmallBusinessFlexFund.org

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