Empowering Veteran Entrepreneurship from Transition to Small Business Success

The U.S. Small Business Administration’s Office of Veterans Business Development empowers veterans, active duty service members, National Guard and Reserve members, and military spouses at every stage of business ownership.

Starting & Growing Your Business
Receive management expertise through free counseling, training, and entrepreneurial education.

★ Boots to Business
Offered on military installations worldwide, service members and their spouses can learn business ownership fundamentals, analyze the feasibility of a business idea, and tap into the SBA ecosystem.

★ Boots to Business Reboot
No access to a military installation? Held in local communities throughout the U.S., veterans, Reserve and National Guard members and their spouses can learn the basics of business ownership, evaluate the feasibility of a business idea, and connect with the SBA ecosystem.

★ Women Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Program (WVETP)
A network of SBA partners deliver small business development support to women service members, veterans, and military spouses. Programs are offered in a variety of formats – from online workshops to hands-on mentorship.

★ Service-Disabled Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Program (SDVETP)
Receive entrepreneurial training and learn about the tools and resources available specifically for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs).

Pursue federal procurement opportunities and technical assistance.

★ Veteran Federal Procurement Entrepreneurship Training Program (VFPETP)
Want to enter or expand into government contracting? Learn how to best position a veteran-owned business to win and retain government contracts through federal procurement training.

Funding Your Business
Gain access to capital at any stage of business through various SBA loan programs.

★ 7a Loan Program
Small business loans up to $5 million through commercial lenders for facilities, equipment, inventory, and working capital

★ CDC/504 Loan Program
Long-term loans up to $5 million through Certified Development Companies (CDCs) for real estate and large equipment

★ Community Advantage Loan Program
Loans up to $250,000 through non-profit lenders for business personal property (FF&E) and working capital

★ Microloan Program
Loans up to $50,000 through non-profit financial institutions (who also provide technical assistance) for working capital

★ Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program
Loans up to $2 million directly through the SBA for working capital if a National Guard or Reserve small business owner or essential employee is called-up to active duty

SBA Veterans Advantage: Reduced upfront guaranty fees on select SBA 7a loans, available for members of the veteran and military small business community (including military spouses and widows)

Join the ranks of the next great generation of veteran business owners today. Visit www.sba.gov/ovbd to learn more.