



A LOOK INSIDE



Growing a business requires more than determination—it requires access to the right opportunities, funding sources, networks, and expert guidance. Yet many of the most valuable resources available to women entrepreneurs are scattered across hundreds of organizations, programs, and websites, making them difficult to discover and time-consuming to navigate.

This sample offers a preview of *Sources of Business Assistance for Women*, a comprehensive directory containing more than 1,000 verified resources designed to help women start, grow, and strengthen their businesses.

Inside, you'll find examples of funding opportunities, grants for women, mentorship programs, business development organizations, strategic networking groups, government programs, educational resources, and training opportunities. These are the same types of resources successful women entrepreneurs leverage to launch new ventures, accelerate growth, access capital, build influential connections, and create long-term business success.

Whether you're just starting out or scaling an established company, the right resources can open doors to opportunities that might otherwise remain hidden.

We hope this sample serves as a valuable starting point and introduces you to the broader network of support available to women in business.

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***The complete guide
provides direct access to
more than 1,000 verified
resources organized for
immediate use.***



ACCESS THE COMPLETE DIRECTORY

Unlock the full range of opportunities, connections, and support available to women entrepreneurs.





FUNDING & CAPITAL ACCESS



These organizations provide access to grants, investment capital, and funding opportunities designed to help women entrepreneurs launch, grow, and scale their businesses.

Astia

Purpose/ Description: Astia is a nonprofit organization that supports high-growth, women-led companies through access to capital, expert advising, and investor networks. It works to eliminate bias in entrepreneurship and investment ecosystems.

Eligibility: High-growth startups with women in leadership roles; companies must apply for participation or investment consideration

Phone: 415-421-5500

Email: info@astia.org

Address: Astia

Attention: Executive Office
Astia Nonprofit
2164 Hyde Street
Apt 714
San Francisco, CA 94109

Pipeline Angels

Purpose/ Description: Pipeline Angels is a network of diverse women investors who provide angel investment training and opportunities to connect founders with capital and support in early funding stages.

Eligibility: Women and nonbinary individuals interested in learning about angel investing

Phone: 973.353.0611

Email: press@pipelineangels.org

Address: Pipeline Angels
550 Broad Street
Newark, NJ 07102





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Belle Capital USA

Purpose/Description: Belle Capital USA is an early-stage angel investment fund that seeks to provide both financial and human capital to high-growth companies with at least one female founder or female executive, helping women-led businesses access the investment and strategic guidance needed to scale. It focuses on underserved U.S. markets and aims to recruit top female talent to leadership roles in portfolio companies

Eligibility: U.S. early-stage startups with at least one female founder or C-level executive

Phone: (313) 737-1179

Email: contact@bellevc.com

Address: Belle Capital USA
Attention: Investment Office
Belle Capital USA
P.O. Box 162
Douglas, MI 49406, USA

Golden Seeds

Purpose/ Description: Angel investor network and early-stage investment group focused on funding women-led startup businesses

Eligibility: Women-led early-stage businesses that meet investment criteria

Phone: (888) 629-6774

Email: info@goldenseeds.com

Address: Golden Seeds
P.O. Box 541473
Flushing, NY 11354





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Broadway Angels

Purpose/Description: Broadway Angels is a network of experienced women angel investors who provide capital, mentorship, and connections to growth-stage companies, including those led by women entrepreneurs, with an emphasis on strategic engagement and industry expertise. The group supports founders through investment and advisory opportunities rather than formal programs.

Eligibility: Women founders whose businesses align with investor interests; contact/network engagement required

Phone: Not publicly listed, contact via email

Email: info@broadwayangels.com

Address: Broadway Angels Network
Attention: Membership &
Impact / Broadway Angels
P.O. Box 651081
Los Angeles, CA 90065

ACCION USA Small Business Loans **Accion Opportunity Fund**

Purpose/Description: Accion Opportunity Fund is a nonprofit lender that provides affordable small business loans and financial coaching to underserved entrepreneurs, including women-owned businesses. Loan products range from microloans to larger growth capital, paired with advising support.

Eligibility: U.S. small business owners, typically operating at least one year, with basic financial documentation; women and minority entrepreneurs are encouraged to apply.

Phone: 866-425-2450

Email: customercare@aofund.org

Address: Accion Opportunity Fund
111 W. St. John Street
Suite 800
San Jose, CA 95113





GRANTS & SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES



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Women Founders Network Fast Pitch Competition

This annual event provides a platform for female entrepreneurs to pitch their high-growth startups to a panel of judges and potential investors. It assists women in business by offering cash prizes, professional coaching, and direct access to a network of venture capitalists and angel investors who can provide the follow-on capital needed for expansion.

Amber Grant (Women's Net)

Women'sNet awards a \$10,000 monthly cash grant to a selected woman-owned business, with monthly winners becoming eligible for a \$25,000 year-end grand prize. It assists women in business by providing high-frequency, non-dilutive capital that can be used flexibly for any urgent operational or expansion need. (*Monthly cash grant*)

She's Next Grant Program (Visa)

Visa's global program provides women-owned small businesses with significant funding, coaching, and networking opportunities to help them digitize and scale. It assists women in business by offering the financial tools and technical expertise required to thrive in an increasingly digital economy.

Girlboss Foundation

The GIRLBOSS Foundation Grant is a funding program that provides financial support and visibility to women entrepreneurs and creators in fields such as design, fashion, music, and the arts, helping them launch or grow innovative creative businesses.





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Impact100 Global Grants

Impact100 is a collective giving organization where local chapters pool donations to award high-impact, transformative grants to nonprofits, including those that support women's economic empowerment. These grants assist women in business by funding community programs that provide vocational training, entrepreneurship education, and the resources necessary to achieve financial independence.

Cartier Women's Initiative

The Cartier Women's Initiative is a global accelerator-style fellowship that supports women impact entrepreneurs with grant funding, leadership training, and mentorship. The program helps women scale their ventures by providing financial support, executive coaching, and access to an international network of investors and experts.

HerRise MicroGrant

HerRise MicroGrant, provided through HerSuiteSpot's provides monthly \$1,000 grants to under-resourced women entrepreneurs, especially women of color, to help grow their small businesses. It supports U.S. women-owned businesses with less than \$1 million in annual revenue.

Kitty Fund Mompreneur Business Grant

Kitty Fund Mompreneur Business Grant is a U.S. grant from **Founders First CDC** that awards \$1,000 micro-grants to mother-owned small businesses to support their growth and operational needs. It is designed specifically for mom entrepreneurs who lead employer-based businesses with 2–100 employees and annual revenue under \$5 million.





MENTORSHIP & BUSINESS SUPPORT



Successful businesses are built on more than capital. These organizations provide guidance, training, strategic support, and access to experienced professionals.

EmpowerHER Collective Inc.

EmpowerHER Collective Inc. is a nonprofit mentorship and networking organization that helps women business owners and professionals build leadership skills, confidence, and supportive peer networks through structured mentoring, workshops, collaborative community events, and inclusive small-group programs. It creates opportunities for women to connect with experienced mentors and peers, develop professionally, and grow their businesses in an empowering and inclusive community.

Women's Business Centers Network

The Women's Business Centers Network is a national network of SBA-supported centers that provide training, advising, and resources to help women start and grow small businesses. It assists women in business by offering no- or low-cost counseling on business planning, access to capital, and procurement-often helping clients become prepared to pursue government grants and contracts.

Aviatra Accelerators

A nonprofit accelerator that provides women entrepreneurs with business education, mentorship, and access to investor and professional networks. It helps women founders refine their strategies, scale their businesses, and build sustainable companies through structured programming and expert guidance.

Women Startup Lab

Women Startup Lab is a startup accelerator dedicated to supporting women entrepreneurs, particularly in the technology sector. It provides leadership development, mentorship, and investor access to help women founders build and scale high-growth startups.





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Female Founders Alliance

A founder community and accelerator network dedicated to supporting women entrepreneurs through mentorship, education, and investor connections. The organization helps women founders scale their companies by providing access to funding opportunities, strategic guidance, and a supportive peer network.

FemCity

FemCity's Small Business Grant is a funding program that awards a \$1,000 grant to a FemCity member entrepreneur to help support and grow their business, often alongside mentorship and expert coaching from FemCity advisors.

Million Women Mentors

Million Women Mentors is a national mentorship movement focused on connecting women and girls with STEM mentors to inspire confidence, expand professional networks, and support interest and success in science, technology, engineering, and math careers through broad mentor engagement and collaborative partnerships

WATED Mentorship & Networking Programs

WATED Mentorship & Networking Programs provide women entrepreneurs with structured mentor-mentee matching, one-on-one guidance from experienced professionals, and peer networking events designed to enhance business skills, confidence, and collaborative opportunities within a supportive ecosystem.





STRATEGIC NETWORKS & GROWTH



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Chief

Chief is a membership network for senior women executives offering peer groups, workshops, and curated events that help high-level women leaders expand their influence and leadership impact within corporate and entrepreneurial environments.

Ellevote Network

Ellevote Network is a global professional community that supports women's career growth by providing mentorship, networking opportunities, educational programs, and peer connections to advance leadership and business success.

eWomenNetwork

eWomenNetwork is a global business community and success system for women entrepreneurs that provides extensive networking opportunities, mentorship, coaching, and events designed to help women launch, grow, and scale their businesses while building authentic professional relationships.

Rise & Lead Women

Rise & Lead Women is a mentorship and networking organization that empowers women professionals and leaders through curated events, leadership development, community connections, and resources designed to accelerate career growth and business success.





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SHE Leads Group

She Leads Group is a members' networking organization with exclusive leads groups, master classes, and events focused on collaboration, trust, and growth for women entrepreneurs and professionals who want a supportive, category-exclusive environment to build business relationships.

FreelanceMom

Freelance Mom is a networking platform for women who are freelancers or looking to become freelancers, offering educational resources, connections, and support to build and grow a freelance business.

The Boss Network

The Boss Network is a community of professional women and entrepreneurs, offering mentoring, networking, and educational resources that help members advance their careers, grow their businesses, and thrive in leadership.

The Women's Network

The Women's Network is one of North America's largest collegiate and early-career women's networks, connecting members with industry leaders, community mentors, career opportunities, and professional development resources.





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SBA Office of Women's Business Ownership (OWBO)

Information and locator for Women's Business Centers, some of which administer local grant programs or micro-grants funded by SBA or other federal dollars. Training and counseling that often leads to grant referral opportunities.

Women-Owned Small Businesses (WOSB)

Federal Contracting Program - The Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Federal Contract Program helps women-owned small businesses compete for federal government contracts by allowing set-aside and sole-source awards in industries where women are underrepresented.

Grants.gov

Grants.gov is the central portal to find and apply for federal grants, offering women-owned businesses access to competitive funding opportunities across federal agencies. It is the U.S. Federal government's central portal for finding, applying for, and tracking federal grant funding opportunities offered by government agencies.

Center for Women Veterans (CWV)

The Center for Women Veterans (CWV) supports women veterans in business by advocating for access to VA benefits, resources, and programs that promote entrepreneurship and economic opportunity. CWV also connects women veterans with networks, training, and support services to help them start, grow, and sustain successful businesses.





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SBA Microloan Program

Offers small loans (up to \$50,000) paired with technical assistance through nonprofit intermediaries. The program prioritizes startups, women, minorities, and other underserved entrepreneurs.

FDIC Minority and Women Outreach Program (PDF)

The FDIC Minority and Women Outreach Program (MWOP) is a federal initiative that ensures minority- and women-owned businesses are given fair and proactive opportunities to compete for and participate in contracts with the FDIC through structured outreach, inclusion efforts, and contracting guidance.

Women And Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Program

The purpose of the WAMS program is to increase America's competitiveness by expanding participation in new economic enterprises through the increased involvement of women and other groups underrepresented in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields that are relevant to USDA priorities.

Veteran Women Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship (V-Wise)

Veteran Women Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship (V-WISE) is a premier entrepreneurship training program designed to empower women veterans, active-duty servicewomen, and their spouses/partners with the skills and knowledge needed to start or grow a business.





EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS



Education and training programs help women in business learn important skills and gain knowledge to succeed in businesses. They also provide opportunities to build confidence, make connections, and find support from mentors and other professionals.

Kellogg Women's Business Association

Women's Business Association is a professional organization that supports women entrepreneurs and professionals through networking, education, and business development opportunities.

Ascent (SBA Learning Platform)

Ascent is a free online learning platform offering advanced training modules designed to help women entrepreneurs grow and scale their businesses. It focuses on marketing, operations, finance, digital tools, and federal contracting readiness.

DreamBuilder

DreamBuilder is a free, self-paced online business training program that teaches women the fundamentals of starting and growing a business. Participants complete interactive modules that help them develop a customized business plan.

National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Institute

NAWBO Institute offers on-demand virtual programming, leadership training, and educational resources for women business owners. It serves established and growth-stage women entrepreneurs seeking advanced strategy, advocacy, and executive development.





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Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)

Offers in-depth business advising, training, and market research assistance. Supports all small businesses, including women entrepreneurs, through a nationwide network.

Women's Business Centers (WBCs)

Provide local training, counseling, mentoring, and technical assistance to women entrepreneurs. Services often prioritize socially and economically disadvantaged women and may be free or low-cost.

Women in AI (WAI)

Women in AI (WAI) is a global nonprofit organization that works to increase women's participation and leadership in artificial intelligence through education, networking, mentorship, and career development opportunities.

Count-Me-In for Women's Economic Independence

Count-Me-In's goal is to equip women in business and finance by means of education, mentoring, networking, and capital access. Women's potential can be released and major economic development driven by arming them with the tools and resources they need.



SOURCES OF BUSINESS ASSISTANCE FOR WOMEN

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