

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

Imagine Nebraska Tax Incentives <https://imagine.nebraska.gov/about-the-program>

State tax credits for eligible businesses mostly manufacturers. In rural areas you must have a minimum of five new employees and one million in investment and pay certain wages with benefits.

Micro-Enterprise Tax Credits <https://revenue.nebraska.gov/incentives/microenterprise>

Micro-Enterprise Tax credits provide a 20 percent refundable tax credit to micro businesses on increased compensation for employees or increased investment in targeted communities. Applicants may qualify for a maximum of \$10,000. The credit is limited to companies with five or fewer employees at the time the application. Nebraska Department of Revenue application process.

Innovation & Entrepreneurship Program <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/business/>

Grants are available for qualified businesses that want to: create a prototype, do research and development, commercialize a product, apply for Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR).

Nebraska Department of Economic Development Community Development Block Grants (CDBG/ ED)

<https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/community/cdbg/> CDBG/ED is a grant to a city, village, or county that re-loans the money to a local qualifying business for gap financing. These funds must meet a HUD National Objective to create jobs that benefit low to moderate individuals. Usually these are run through a Non-profit Development Org. when paid back.

GROW Nebraska www.grownebraska.com Training and technical assistance with emphasis on marketing Nebraska products.

Nebraska Business Development Centers <http://nbdc.unomaha.edu/>

NBDC offers business planning, training, valuations, loan packaging, government contracting, and a variety of technical assistance. They also support **SourceLink Nebraska** <https://sourcelinknebraska.com/>

Nebraska Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO) <http://www.nedcoloans.org>

The SBA 504 Loan Program assists small business owners looking to expand their businesses through the purchase of commercial real estate or capital equipment. NEDCO works in conjunction with lenders to provide up to 90% financing.

Invest Nebraska <http://www.investnebraska.com> Invest Nebraska offers venture capital and angel investment programs.

Nebraska Enterprise Fund <http://www.nebbiz.org> NEF offers technical assistance and loans up to \$150,000.

Cooperative Extension <https://ruralprosperityne.unl.edu/community-economic-development>

UNL Cooperative Extension offers technical assistance to businesses.

Center for Entrepreneurship Research and Development at UNK <https://www.unk.edu/academics/cerd/services/index.php>

Provides technical assistance and research for businesses and communities.

Central Community College <https://www.cccneb.edu/entrepreneurship-center>

Provides technical assistance and small business loans up to \$20,000 in the Central Community College Region.

Nebraska Regional Officials Council NROC <https://www.nrocne.com/>

Regional Development Districts offer various revolving loans funds and technical assistance.

South Central Economic Development District <http://scedd.us> Sharon Hueftle is the Director contact 308-455-4770

USDA Rural Development <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs>

The USDA Rural Development program offers loans to businesses provided through banks, credit unions, and community-managed lending pools. They also offer energy efficiency grants and loans to businesses as well as Value Added Producer Grants.

Center for Rural Affairs [Lending | Center For Rural Affairs - Building a Better Rural Future \(cfra.org\)](https://www.cfra.org/)

Center for Rural Affairs offers technical assistance, training, and loans.

LB840 <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/community/lb-840/>

Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act. This is usually a voted on local Sales Tax that is collected in many communities for the purpose of economic development and assisting local businesses. Contact your City or local Economic Development office.

Nebraska Department of Economic Development

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