

Lockhart Small Business Resource Guide:

Starting or running a small business can be a daunting task. However, the number of resources is vast and vary widely. The value that small business brings is enormous but isn't without its hardships. Therefore, LEDC has helped filter through some of them with this resource guide.

The type of resources:

Consulting

Business advice that is provided by a professional in the business or finance industry. The strategic advice is presented for the beneficiary to use as consideration in the decision-making process.

Financing

This includes but is not limited to Grant opportunities, loans, incentives, etc. for business activities, purchases, or investing.

Mentorship

Longer term strategic advice presented for consideration and guidance in a broader range of issues such as leadership, employer/employee coaching, etc.

Resource guides and valuable data

Various types of direction and pertinent information regarding various elements in the business development and maintenance processes. These can be trainings, permitting, etc.

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Resource type: Consulting



Business and Community Lenders provides assistance with business goals and free consultation. Beyond consulting they offer coaching, classes, and the opportunity to work with them. They are located in Austin and Dallas.



Economic Growth Business Incubator provides training, coaching and support to aspiring and existing business owners who face barriers to growing a successful business.



Texas State SBDC foster's small business success through various services such as advising, training, and research services. They specialize in the first steps of starting a business.

Resource type: Financing



Accion Opportunity Fund Provides loans, educational resources, coaching, and support networks.



City of Lockhart's Economic Development Corporation has developed a list of all Federal, State, and Local tax incentives. Each one is described in detail and how to apply if you qualify.



LiftFund provides credit and services to small businesses and entrepreneurs who do not have access to loans from commercial sources and to provide leadership and innovation in the microlending industry.

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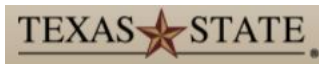


PeopleFund creates economic opportunity and financial stability for underserved people by providing access to capital, education, and resources to build healthy small businesses.



The SBA is facilitating a COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan. This loan provides economic relief to small businesses and nonprofit organizations that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue.

Resource type: Incubator & Mentorship



Texas State is an incubator for start-up and early-stage businesses and will provide tenants access to secure wet labs, clean space, conference rooms, and office space.



SCORE provides mentorship, resources, and consulting in various forms. Webinars, remote and in person mentoring, and online resources. They are national organization which provides services nationwide. They also have a chapter in Austin.

Resource type: Resource guides and valuable data



The City of Austin provides a directory of small business resources (COVID relief, Art Funding, Start-Ups, etc.) offered by local, state, and federal governments and non-profit agencies.



Google provides a resource guide that helps with four steps: Keep customers informed, work remotely, reach more customers, explore financial assistance.



LinkedIn offers thousands of courses to grow skills and develop new ones.

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The Office of the Governor has various resource guides for businesses wanted to come or who are already established in Texas:

- All state permits that may be required for someone desiring to operate a business enterprise in the state.
- A comprehensive [resource guide](#) on how to start a small business in Texas.
- Various types of [publications](#) that show reports, studies, and snapshots pertaining to Texas businesses.

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