



FINANCING

Find Sources of Financing

Financing is comprised of loans, grants, finance training, export assistance and other related programs which allow businesses to start up and achieve viability. Funding can also be necessary to grow the business into different market segments and even different global economies.

The Small Business Administration (SBA)

The SBA helps Americans start, build and grow businesses through an extensive network of field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. The SBA offers several financial services and programs to businesses throughout the United States.

Small Business Loans and Grants:

<http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/loans-grants>

Local Assistance Offices:

<http://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/DC/local-resources>

Training Courses to Assist in Financing:

<http://www.sba.gov/sba-learning-center/search/training/financing>

Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC)

OPIC is a federal agency that works with the U.S. private sector to help American businesses gain footholds in emerging markets and catalyze revenues. OPIC achieves its mission by providing investors with financing, guarantees, political risk insurance and support for private equity investment funds. OPIC's services are available for new and expanding business enterprises.

Financial Assistance: <http://www.opic.gov/what-we-offer/financial-products>

Small Business Assistance Resources: <http://www.opic.gov/doing-business-us/small-business-center/small-business-guide>

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

NASA offers venture capital financing guidelines to encourage small businesses to expand. NASA also encourages small businesses to apply for Small Business Innovation Research or Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR) contracts which fund small businesses interested in technological innovation and research and development.

Additional Resources:

Office of Small Business Programs:

<http://osbp.nasa.gov/>

SBIR/STTR FAQs:

<http://sbir.nasa.gov/SBIR/nasasbir.htm>

Small Business Financing:

<http://sbir.nasa.gov/SBIR/Financing.htm>

Export-Import Bank

The Export-Import Bank's mission is to assist in financing the export of U.S. goods and services to international markets. Ex-Im Bank enables U.S. companies — large and small — to turn export opportunities into real sales by providing working capital guarantees, export credit insurance, loan guarantees and buyer financing.

Export Credit Insurance: <http://www.exim.gov/products/exportcreditinsurance/index.cfm>

Working Capital for Financial Stability: <http://www.exim.gov/products/workingcapital/>

Supply Chain Finance Guarantee Program: <http://www.exim.gov/products/supply-chain-finance-guarantee-program.cfm>

Regional Export Finance Centers: <http://www.exim.gov/about/contact/regional-export-finance-centers.cfm>

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