

2022 BERGER ENTREPRENEUR BOOTCAMP

Creating Pathways for Innovation Success in Under-Served and Economically Disadvantaged Communities

Resources for Founders

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Resources

Services & Resources Provided (not a comprehensive list)

<p>Alan B. Levan NSU Broward Center of Innovation www.nova.edu/innovation/index.html</p>	<p>Tech hub for the South Florida region providing comprehensive training programs, mentoring, events, and wraparound services supporting innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship.</p>
<p>Black business.com The African American Business Guide www.blackbusiness.com</p>	<p>National website featuring: Blog; News; Events; Funding opportunities; Networking.</p>
<p>Broward County Black Chamber of Commerce www.browardcountyblackchamberofcommerce.com</p>	<p>Offers events, networking, and educational content; Maintains a virtual Business Referral Group and Directory of Member Companies; Website contains a comprehensive set of links to Federal, State of Florida, Broward County, and Broward Municipalities resources.</p>
<p>Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) www.broward.org/EconDev/Pages/default.aspx</p>	<p>Broward County business certification programs (CBE and SBE); Contracting opportunities; Mentoring; Website links to events, educational programs, conferences, directories of certified firms, and market data; Newsletter.</p>
<p>Broward SCORE www.broward.score.org</p>	<p>Offers free mentoring, workshops, webinars, and online courses. Part of a national program, www.score.org/, with multiple locations throughout Broward County.</p>
<p>City of Miramar Business Inclusion Diversity (BID) Program www.miramarfl.gov/1522/Business-Inclusion-Diversity-BID-Program</p>	<p>Website links to: Bid opportunities and business resources, including the City of Miramar's "Small Business Hub" that links to the City of Miramar's BID contractor database; Loan resources; and Florida Women's Business Center.</p>
<p>Florida Small Business Development Center (SBDC) www.floridasbdc.org</p>	<p>Through its network of local partners, including the Florida SBDC at Florida Atlantic University (FAU), www.fau.edu/sbdc/, the SBDC provides a broad array of services, including free consulting, training videos for new and existing businesses, and workshops as well as comprehensive links to other resources, such as funding sources.</p>

<p>Hispanic Business Council, Inc. www.hispanicbusinesscouncil.com</p>	<p>Provides business planning, networking, education, blogs, and professional connections.</p>
<p>Partners for Self-Employment, Inc. www.partnersforselfemployment.org</p>	<p>Miami based organization serving Miami-Dade and South Broward County that provides, among other things, a direct loan program for up to \$35,000, peer lending, and business training.</p>
<p>Sharon & Mitchell W. Berger Entrepreneur Law Clinic www.law.nova.edu/clinics/in-house/entrepreneur-clinic.html</p>	<p>Pro bono legal clinic at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) that provides transactional legal advice and representation to entry-level entrepreneurs, innovators, start-up businesses, and non-profits on matters such as entity selection and formation, contract drafting, intellectual property protection, financing, and regulatory compliance.</p>
<p>The Venture Mentoring Team (VMT) www.thevmt.org</p>	<p>Provides training, guidance and in-depth mentoring for growth-seeking start-ups and small business to refine their business models. The VMT is the National Mentoring Partner for Elevate Together, www.elevatetogether.org, a nonprofit initiative designed to address systemic discrimination and historical racial disparities in business growth and profitability in Black and Hispanic communities.</p>
<p>Urban League of Broward County www.ulbroward.org</p>	<p>In conjunction with its affiliated Central County Community Development Corporation (CCDC), the Urban League of Broward County operates an Entrepreneurship Center, www.cccdc.org/Entrepreneurship-Center, that provides technical assistance training in launching and growing a business as well as access to capital through its Small Business Loan Fund.</p>
<p>US Black Chambers, Inc. www.usblackchambers.org</p>	<p>National organization that provides educational programs and webinars; Maintains an extensive national Black business directory and certification program.</p>
<p>U.S. Small Business Association (SBA) www.sba.gov</p>	<p>United States government agency that offers free and low-cost training programs on its website; Provides microloans of up to \$50,000 through designated intermediary lenders (such as, in South Florida, Partners for Self-Employment, Inc. referenced above), and provides access to larger loans to eligible business through the SBA's various loan guarantee programs.</p>