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## **Online tool provides critical support for small businesses during COVID-19 pandemic**

*Covid-sb.org facilitates access to tailored assistance from local small business advisors across the country*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — This year has been extremely challenging for small businesses, but with the help of [covid-sb.org](https://www.covid-sb.org), access to resources and one-on-one assistance is a simple click away. Created by [America's SBDC](https://www.americassbdc.org) and [Association of Women's Business Centers](https://www.womenbusinesscenters.org), [covid-sb.org](https://www.covid-sb.org) is an easy-to-navigate website for small business owners to access an array of vital resources, including expert business advisors, to help cope with the challenges of the pandemic.

Funded by the CARES Act and the Small Business Administration, [covid-sb.org](https://www.covid-sb.org) consolidates the most reliable federal resources for small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, business owners don't have to sift through multiple websites to find the information they need.

Highlights of the website include the [local assistance tool](#), which connects users with a vast network of business advisors who can provide tailored support and training on federal and local resources. The website also offers information about [financial assistance](#), such as Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness, SBA funding options, and farm loans.

"Small business owners are resilient, but they need to know that they are not alone and help is there for them during this challenging time," said Tee Rowe, CEO of America's SBDC. "Our website connects owners with experienced advisors who are there to help every step of the way."

America's SBDC and Association of Women's Business Centers are committed to advocating for small businesses. While these two organizations manage [covid-sb.org](https://www.covid-sb.org), the website wouldn't be possible without two additional partners: the [SCORE volunteer network](#) and [Veterans Business Outreach Centers](#). Together, this coalition draws on the collective expertise of federal resource partners, the SBA, local business centers and small business experts to support the small business community. Although 2020 has been a year full of hardships, this collaboration

provides crucial hope and support to small businesses — which serve as the backbone of the American economy.

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**About America’s SBDC Network**

America's SBDC represents the nation's 63 Small Business Development Centers, a national network of partnerships uniting higher education, state and local nonprofit economic development organizations, private enterprise and government. It is the U.S. Small Business Administration's largest partnership program, providing management and technical assistance to help Americans start, run and grow their own businesses. SBDC clients start a new business every 30 minutes, create a new job every 5.5 minutes, generate \$100,000 in new sales every 8.2 minutes, and raise \$100,000 in capital every 11 minutes. [www.AmericasSBDC.org](http://www.AmericasSBDC.org)

**About Association of Women’s Business Centers:** AWBC works to secure economic justice and entrepreneurial opportunities for women by supporting and sustaining a national network of more than 100 Women’s Business Centers.