

Partner Organizations

- [Buffalo State College Small Business Development Center](#)
 - Provides management and technical assistance to start-up and existing small businesses throughout Erie County and the Niagara Frontier
- [Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Buffalo, Inc.](#)
 - Provides strategies to help people master their credit such as credit repair and credit building services
- [Erie County Industrial Development Agency \(ECIDA\)](#)
 - Offers commercial lending to qualified borrowers
- [The Foundry](#)
 - Offers arts, STEM, entrepreneurship, and workforce development to youth and adults, along with support for maker businesses
- [Harter Secret & Emery](#)
 - Provides pro-bono business legal services to selected WEDI clients (upon referral)
- [International Institute](#)
 - Offers language access services (interpreters) to immigrants and refugees along with refugee resettlement
- [Jericho Road](#)
 - Offers medical care and community development programs tailored to immigrants and refugees, among others
- [Journey's End](#)
 - Provides resettlement, employment, education, legal services, and more to refugees
- [Launch NY](#)
 - Provides entrepreneurs in high-growth industries such as product development and manufacturing with free mentoring and access to venture capital
- [PathStone Enterprise Center](#)
 - Offers entrepreneurial training, technical assistance, and access to financing for new and expanding businesses

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- [Pursuit Lending](#)
 - Provide businesses with affordable loans of \$10,000 or more and professional services such as marketing and graphic design support
- [SCORE Buffalo](#)
 - Offers free, confidential one-on-one mentorship
- [Small Business Legal Clinic at the Western New York Law Center](#)
 - Provides free business law services to entrepreneurs in Buffalo such as Saturday walk-in law clinics
- [University of Buffalo Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership \(UBCEL\)](#)
 - Offers workshops, courses, and certifications for entrepreneurs

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