

## GOVERNMENT SUPPORT - BOSTON

***Government entities are committed to strengthening the small business ecosystem, advancing job creation and successful communities. Explore this list to see the many ways that small businesses can receive support from government programs.***

### **Boston Main Streets Foundation**

Boston Main Streets Foundation ensures that Boston's neighborhood commercial districts are thriving, vibrant centers of commerce and community.

### **Boston Main Streets Districts**

The Boston Main Streets Districts work to promote and maintain the commercial centers in their local neighborhoods.

### **City of Boston 's Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion**

The City of Boston's Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion is dedicated to making Boston a global model of economic equity for working people, entrepreneurs, businesses, and investors.

### **City of Boston's Department of Small Business Development**

Within the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, the Department provides all small business owners and entrepreneurs with the tools and guidance to successfully start, grow, and build a business in Boston.

### **City of Boston's SPACE Grant Program**

A program of the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, the SPACE (Supporting Pandemic Affected Community Enterprises) Grant Program prioritizes helping small businesses, with a priority for industries that were most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **City of Boston's Legacy Business Program**

A program of the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, the Legacy Business program celebrates long standing, independent enterprises that make a strong contribution to community character. By spotlighting Legacy Businesses, the City of Boston will help drive spending and pedestrian traffic into local commercial districts.

## GOVERNMENT SUPPORT - MASSACHUSETTS

### **Commonwealth Corporation (CommCorp)**

CommCorp fosters workforce equity in Massachusetts by delivering innovative and collaborative professional development solutions that help diverse communities and employers succeed.

### **Massachusetts Alliance for Economic Development (MassEcon)**

MassEcon works to create a supportive culture for business, enhance job growth, promote investment in communities, and spread prosperity throughout the state. Working with its public sector partners, MassEcon brings a private-sector voice to marketing Massachusetts as a place to do business.

### **Massachusetts Small Business Development Center**

A partnership program with the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Massachusetts Office of Business Development, the SBDC provides free, confidential, one-to-one business assistance and free or low-cost educational training programs to prospective and existing small businesses throughout the Commonwealth.

### **Massachusetts Office of Business Development**

A state agency within the Executive Office of Housing and Economic development for businesses relocating to Massachusetts and businesses wishing to begin or expand operations in the state. Their work includes capital allocation assistance, microlending, and community development services.

### **State Treasurer's Small Business Resource Toolkit**

Created by The Office of the State Treasurer & Receiver General, this Small Business Resource Toolkit serves as a reference source for small business owners throughout Massachusetts, who may not have the ability or time to access resources to create or maintain their business.

## GOVERNMENT SUPPORT - FEDERAL

### **CCensus Business Builder (CBB)**

CBB is a suite of services that provide selected demographic and economic data from the Census Bureau that can help small businesses succeed and grow.

### **Small Business Administration (SBA)**

As the resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow, expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster.