

Disability-Owned Business Resources

Business Associations: membership organizations that are engaged in and support the business interests of their members. An example is a Chamber of Commerce - U.S. Chamber of Commerce <https://www.uschamber.com>

Business Incubator Program: an organization that helps startup companies and individual entrepreneurs to develop their businesses

Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI): provide financial services in low-income communities and to people who lack access to financing. <https://synergieswork.org/>

Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Accounts: a special savings account that allows people with disabilities save up to \$100,000 and not be considered a resource. Therefore, the savings will not impact SSI, Medicaid, food stamps (SNAP), or other benefits. <https://www.ablenrc.org/>

Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS): allows people receiving SSI to set aside income or resources to achieve a specific work goal without affecting benefits or be considered resources. <https://www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/pass.htm>

Individual Development Account (IDA): a savings account in which your deposits are "matched" at a certain rate. IDAs are usually used to save for school, purchasing a home, or starting a business. <https://prosperitynow.org/map/idas>

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) /Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA): a state program that provides a variety of services to persons with disabilities, with the ultimate goal to prepare for, enter into, or retain employment. <https://rsa.ed.gov/about/states>

Benefits Counseling: a free service program that explains how working will affect federal and state benefits. <https://choosework.ssa.gov/findhelp> An additional resource in eleven states is Disability Benefits 101 www.db101.org

Synergies Work is a platform that connects disabled entrepreneurs with the resources, networks, and communities they need to launch, grow, and scale their businesses. Join the largest community of disability-led startups in the United States today. <https://synergieswork.org/>

