

Counseling & Training

If you, like many Nevada small business owners, need a business counselor to help guide you through this uncertain time, you can seek guidance from a local [Small Business Development Center \(SBDC\)](#), [Women’s Business Center \(WBC\)](#), or [SCORE](#) mentorship chapter. These resource partners, and the associations that represent them, will receive additional funds to expand their reach and better support small business owners with counseling and up-to-date information regarding COVID-19. There will soon be a joint platform that consolidates information and resources related to COVID-19 in order to provide consistent, timely information to small businesses.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

QUESTION: Do I have to pay for counseling and training through SBDCs and WBCs?

Answer: Counseling is free and training is low-cost with these partners. The additional funds that Congress provided will help make this possible. Mentorship through SCORE is always free.

QUESTION: What is a SBDC?

Answer: SBDCs are a national network of nearly 1,000 centers that are located at leading universities, colleges, state economic development agencies and private partners. They provide counseling and training to new and existing businesses. Find out more about [Nevada SBDCs](#).

QUESTION: What is a WBC; is it only for women?

Answer: WBCs are a national network of more than 100 centers that offer one-on-one counseling, training, networking, workshops, technical assistance and mentoring to entrepreneurs on numerous business development topics. In addition to women, WBCs are mandated to serve the needs of underserved entrepreneurs, including low-income entrepreneurs. They often offer flexible hours to meet the needs of their diverse clientele. Find out more about [Nevada’s WBC](#).

QUESTION: What is SCORE?

Answer: SCORE provides free, confidential business advice through our volunteer network of 10,000+ business experts. You can meet with a mentor online. Find out more [here](#).