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Resources/Assistance for Disabled Business Owners

- [National Disability Institute \(NDI\)](#): Offers a Small Business Hub for business plans, webinars, and resources.
- [Job Accommodation Network \(JAN\)](#): Provides consulting, mentoring, and technical assistance for self-employment and small business.
- [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#): Resources via SBDCs, SCORE, and specific loan programs, plus funding info.
- [Vocational Rehabilitation \(VR\) Programs](#): State-run programs offer training, counseling, and funding for entrepreneurs with disabilities.
- [Social Security Administration \(SSA\)](#): The PASS (Plan to Achieve Self-Support) program helps manage benefits while building a business.
- [Disability:IN](#): A resource for disability inclusion, connecting entrepreneurs with potential partners.
- [2Gether International](#): Focuses on advancing disabled entrepreneurs through networking and programs.

Resources Specifically For Visually Impaired Entrepreneurs

- [Independent Visually Impaired Entrepreneurs \(IVIE\)](#): A forum for blind/low-vision business owners for idea exchange, support, and advocacy.
- [American Council of the Blind](#): A national nonprofit that removes barriers and creates solutions, using research, advocacy, and programs to help blind and visually impaired people achieve independence and full potential in life, work, and education.
- [National Federation of the Blind \(NFB\)](#): Offers workshops and resources for those with vision loss.
- [Randolph-Sheppard Business Enterprise Program \(BEP\)](#): Creates entrepreneurial opportunities for legally blind individuals to operate vending facilities (snack bars, cafeterias, etc.) in federal and state buildings, providing them with training, self-support, and economic independence.

Funding & Grants

- Assistive Technology Loans: Through [Disability Opportunity Fund](#) and programs like the [National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program \(NDDE\)](#).
- Microloans: Available from non-profits like [Accion Opportunity Fund](#) and through state programs.
- [National Association for the Self-Employed \(NASE\)](#): Offers Growth Grants for members.

How to Access Support

1. Contact your State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agency: They are a primary source for customized support.
2. Visit the [SBA's website](#): Check into the [SBDC](#) near you and [SCORE](#) chapters for free help.