

Overcoming Roadblocks to Minority Businesses **Minority Resources, Sandy Johnson-Clark**

1. <http://us.smetoolkit.org/us/en> Sandy's favorite!! This is a free program that enables entrepreneurs and small businesses to learn how to implement the sustainable business management practices needed for growth in areas such as finance, accounting, international business, marketing, human resources or legal. Free Form Templates for Businesses too!
2. <http://business.usa.gov/> Great Resource! This is a government site dedicated to small business development: Offering content related to "Made in Rural America Export" and "Investment Initiative Portal", "Microsites for States", "SBIR Certification Tool", "Training Portal", "FBO Open Opportunities". The many varied agencies of the government are listed for quick access.
3. <http://business.usa.gov/micro-site/native-american-microsite/native-american; Native>
American resources, funding opportunities
4. <http://www.hiseb.com/> Hispanic Chamber of E-Commerce; Mission is to promote the use of the Internet as a business tool to help family owned businesses to become more competitive.
5. <http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&Self-Employed/Self-Employed-Individuals-Tax-Center; Internal Revenue Services: Small Business and Self-employed Tax Center>
6. [http://www.ncruralcenter.org; NC Rural Center offers funding in their microenterprise program up to \\$25,000 with special consideration towards minorities.](http://www.ncruralcenter.org; NC Rural Center offers funding in their microenterprise program up to $25,000 with special consideration towards minorities.)
7. <http://www.sba.gov/tools/sba-learning-center/search/training/all; Small Business Administration provides training, and funding resources.>
8. [http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/8a-business-development-program; The 8\(a\) Business Development Program helps small, disadvantaged businesses compete in the marketplace.](http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/8a-business-development-program; The 8(a) Business Development Program helps small, disadvantaged businesses compete in the marketplace.)
9. <http://www.sba.gov/content/women-owned-small-business-program; Women owned small business program for funding of governmental contracts>
10. <http://www.entrepreneur.com/sbe/minority/index.html> Entrepreneur Magazine offers statistics, resources and business tools
11. <http://makingitv.com/channel/> Small business videos and blogs providing training and resources
12. <http://ncaied.org/> The National Center of American Indian Enterprise

Development; NCAIED develops and expands the American Indian private sector which employs Indian labor, increases the number of viable tribal and individual Indian businesses, and positively impacts and involves reservation communities, by establishing business relationships between Indian enterprises and private industry. Provides training and resources.

13. <http://www.nationalbcc.org/> National Black Chamber of Commerce; The NBCC is a non-profit, nonpartisan, non-sectarian organization dedicated to the economic empowerment of African American communities.
14. <http://www.awib.org/> Asian Women In Business; AWIB's corporate initiative is designed to support corporate and professional Asian women. Hundreds of Asian women have thronged to our leadership forums to learn, ask questions and network.
15. <http://www.nwbc.gov/> National Women's Business Council; Created to serve as an independent source of advice and counsel to the President, Congress, and the U.S. Small Business Administration on economic issues of importance to women business owners. The Council is the government's only independent voice for women entrepreneurs.
16. <https://www.score.org/>; Provide mentoring and education
17. <http://www.lbausa.com/> Latino Business Association; Building Economic Wealth and Opportunity for Latin Business and the Community
18. <http://www.mbnet.com/> The Minority Business Network; Provides information and resources
19. <http://www.bbala.org/index.html> Black Business Association; Networking and resources
20. <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/index.htm> Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development; This organization helps Indian communities gain economic self-sufficiency through the development of their energy and mineral resources, application of established business practices, and co-sponsorship of innovative training programs. They offer training, business planning, and manage the Indian Loan Guaranty Program to facilitate access to capital and loan financing for Indians.
21. <http://ushcc.com/national-chamber-map/> United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; The USHCC mission is to foster Hispanic economic development and to create sustainable prosperity for the benefit of American society.
22. <http://www.aio.org/> Americans for Indian Opportunity; This organization catalyzes and facilitates culturally appropriate initiatives and opportunities that enrich the cultural, political and economic lives of Indigenous peoples.
23. <http://latinbusinesstoday.com/> Latin Business Today; Provides resources for the Latin American community.
24. <http://www.abala.org/asian-business-center/> Asian Business Center; This is an Asian Business Network to bring opportunity and business together.
25. <http://www.uspaacc.com/index.asp> US Pan Asian American Chamber of

Commerce; promote and propel economic growth by opening doors to business and professional opportunities for Asian Americans, minority businesses, and their business partners in corporate America, government at the federal, state, and local levels, and the small and minority community.

26. <http://nmbc.org/resources> National Minority Business Council; The organization is dedicated to providing business assistance, educational opportunities, seminars, purchasing listings and related services to hundreds of businesses throughout the tri-state area and across the nation.
27. <http://www.hispanicbusiness.com/> Hispanic Business Online Magazine
28. <http://www.commerce.gov/> Department of Commerce; The U.S. Department of Commerce promotes job creation, economic growth, sustainable development and improved standards of living for all Americans by working in partnership with businesses, universities, communities and our nation's workers.
29. <http://www.mbda.gov/> Minority Business Development Agency; Business tools, resources, access to capital, and business education. An arm of the Department of Commerce.
30. <http://www.nmsdc.org/> National Minority Supplier Development Council; The National Minority Supplier Development Council advances business opportunities for certified minority business enterprises and connects them to corporate members.
31. http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/sdb HUD.gov; The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is committed to providing universal access to both small businesses and large businesses. The Agency recognizes that small businesses are of vital importance to job growth and the economic strength of the country.
32. http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/sdb/resource/guide HUD.gov; Small Business Guide, In addition to providing basic information on existing small businesses programs and contracting with the Federal government, there is specific guidance on contracting with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the contracting opportunities available with HUD grantees.
33. http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=about&subject=landing&topic=sao-oa-cr_ma USDA Minority Farm Register; The USDA Minority Farm Register is a tool to promote equal access to USDA farm programs and services for minority farmland owners, farmers, ranchers, tenants, and other individuals with an agricultural interest.
34. http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/AI_ANHome.html Native American programs

35. <http://www.dot.gov/osdbu/> Department of Transportation; The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) is responsible for ensuring that small businesses are treated fairly
36. <http://www.dot.gov/osdbu/disadvantaged-business-enterprise> The U.S. Department of Transportation's DBE (disadvantaged business enterprise) program provides a vehicle for increasing the participation by MBEs in state and local procurement.
37. <http://www.dot.gov/osdbu/southatlantic-sbtrc> North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development (NCIMED), the South Atlantic Region Small Business Transportation Resource Center (SBTRC) serves the states of Virginia (headquarters), West Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky. The South Atlantic Region SBTRC provides technical assistance training programs to small and disadvantaged businesses in an effort to build their capacity, with the mission of making them more competitive when bidding for contracts containing federal transportation dollars.
38. <http://www.naacp.org/pages/green-grants> NAACP- Small Business Grants may be applied for to assist minority business owners in obtaining business funding.
39. <http://womensnet.net/> Small amount of grant funding for women entrepreneurs to apply for: Amber Grant.
40. <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/home.html> Grants.gov is your place to find and apply for federal grants.
41. <http://www.eileenfisher.com/EileenFisherCompany/CompanyGeneralContentPages/SocialConsciousness/WomenOwned.jsp> Eileen Fisher Grant Program for Women Entrepreneurs; The program seeks applicants from 100 percent women-owned businesses that are founded on the principles of social consciousness, sustainability and innovation and are ready to move to the next phase of development.
42. <http://www.ncsl.org/research/financial-services-and-commerce/mbe-certification-programs.aspx> Minority Business Development--State MBE Certification Programs
43. <http://nawbo.org> National Association of Women Owned Businesses;
44. <http://www.globalinvesther.com/resources-for-women-entrepreneurs/> Funding opportunities for women entrepreneurs
45. <http://www.enloop.com/> Free Business Plan software

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