



FUNDING AND RESOURCE PARTNERS

St. Louis Development Corporation (SLDC) www.stlouis.missouri.org

SLDC fosters economic development and growth in St. Louis City through increased job and business opportunities, and has provided operational funding to the BEGIN New Venture Center for its first two years.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Catholic Charities of St. Louis, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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SCORE www.stlscore.org

SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and the formation, growth and success of small businesses nationwide.

Small Business Association www.sba.gov

The SBA was created to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation.

Justine Petersen www.justinepetersen.org

The goal of Justine Petersen is to help urban neighborhoods achieve economic strength through small business development and homeownership. This organization provides micro-loan financing, credit improvement assistance, and financial counseling to qualifying business owners.

Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers

MO SBTDC is part of a statewide network of business experts uniquely qualified to help small businesses develop and thrive. Every MO SBTDC location provides Missouri small businesses convenient access to this network.

The Veterans Business Resource Center www.vetbiz.com

VBRC is a St. Louis-based nonprofit organization which provides business counseling and consulting, business plan review and assistance, loan packaging assistance and other supportive services to Veterans starting their own business and Veterans with existing businesses.

St. Louis Agency on Training and Education (SLATE) www.missouricareersource.com

SLATE works with job seekers and employers in the St. Louis area. They also work with both Neighborhood Associations and Economic Development Corporations in the St. Louis area to create opportunities for its citizens to obtain job training and benefits from job placement.

Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA)

OSHA and its state partners establish protective standards and reach out to employers and employees through technical assistance and consultation programs to enforce those standards.