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## Business Impact NW has been awarded a grant to establish the Oregon MBDA Business Center

**Seattle, WA, September 22, 2022** – Business Impact NW has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce to establish the Oregon MBDA Business Center. This will be the first and only MBDA Business Center serving the state of Oregon.

The purpose of the MBDA will be to provide business development, capacity building, access to capital, and navigation support to businesses in Oregon. The MBDA will be located in the Portland, OR metropolitan area; it will serve entrepreneurs in the entire state of Oregon. The services that will be provided will include individual business coaching, contracting and certification assistance, industry-specific business accelerator programs, access to capital, connection to procurement and marketplace opportunities, and referral to additional service partners.

Business Impact NW CEO, Joe Sky-Tucker, says "The Oregon MBDA Business Center will be a catalyst for businesses to make connections and achieve their goals. We appreciate the support of the MBDA and are gratified to have been chosen to deliver these services to Oregon."

Business Impact NW is a 501c3 nonprofit small business technical assistance provider and CDFI small business lender founded in 1997. Business Impact NW has been serving Oregon since 2013 and currently offers business coaching, classes, and capital throughout the state, including SBA Microloans, Veterans' Business Outreach Center services, Loan Readiness services, and Food business Resource Center services.

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**Business Impact NW** is a nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) dedicated to providing free business coaching, classes, and access to capital for small businesses. We emphasize working with traditionally underbanked populations and offer services in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. For more information about Business Impact NW and its work, please visit our website.

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