

# Knoxville Business Support Network



Focus on the education of existing businesses  
Analysis of financials and management performance  
Offers business development



[www.tsbdc.org](http://www.tsbdc.org)



Knoxville Area  
Urban League

*Empowering Communities.  
Changing Lives.*

Start Up Assistance  
Empowerment Opportunity Loan Program  
CO.STARTERS Entrepreneurship Training Program

[www.thekaul.org](http://www.thekaul.org)



Start Up Assistance / Non Profit Consulting / Existing Business  
Volunteers with experience in 62 industries  
Offers tips, tools and workshops

[www.greaterknoxville.score.org](http://www.greaterknoxville.score.org)



Business Accelerator  
Focus on turning ideas into a business  
Offers advice on marketing, legal aspects, product development, and intellectual property

[www.knoxec.com](http://www.knoxec.com)



Propel Mentor / Protégé Program  
Program pairs established community business leaders with a protégé  
Diversity Champion Resource Group  
One-on-one Assistance

[www.knoxvillechamber.com](http://www.knoxvillechamber.com)

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FOR THE LIFE OF YOUR BUSINESS



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The TSBDC is the technical assistance of the Small Business Administration in cooperative agreement with the State of Tennessee.

For over 30 years the TSBDC network has been empowering small business owners, entrepreneurs and individuals with an idea to innovate and compete in the global market place.

Provides support services in financial management, accounting, taxation, government contracting, acquisition/selling of businesses, loan proposals, entity formation and education.

TSBDC offers real world small business experience in a variety of business endeavors consulting with honesty, integrity and confidentiality.

The Knoxville Area Urban League is a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI).

Provides loans from \$5,000 – \$250,000 to qualified entrepreneurs to start and /or expand businesses in Knox County that will provide jobs, goods, and services that meet the needs of the community.

CO.STARTERS walks creative small-business owners through lean, effective business modeling methods in a simple and intuitive way, and with the help of a supportive community.

SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship.

Delivers services at no charge or at very low cost because of the support of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and a network of 10,000 volunteers.

Their 300 chapters hold events and workshops locally across the U.S. and its territories, and match up entrepreneurs with local, volunteer mentors.

KEC serves entrepreneurs through a variety of programs, classes, events, and other opportunities and provides a collaborative environment in support of big ideas and creative business.

KEC works as a business accelerator by accelerating the business start up phase

Whether your business is Idea Stage, Early Stage, or Growth Stage, KEC has something for you.

Propel is funded as part of Knoxville-Oak Ridge Innovation Valley, a regional economic development initiative.

Diversity Champions is a group of 60 Knoxville-area business leaders focused on communicating the importance of a diverse workforce.

Designed for woman, veteran, and minority-owned small businesses, the Propel program provides you with one-on-one assistance to help you get your business off the ground.

Propel has a track record of success in the community and is available in tandem with the Chamber's dynamic mentor/protégé program.