For every state $1 invested in the Florida SBDC, $52 is returned to the state in tax revenue.*

$1 ➔ $52

2018 Economic Impact Analysis of the Florida SBDC Network by FSU CEFA* | Reported by respondent clients of outcomes resulting from or in part due to assistance received in 2017-2018**
At the Florida SBDC Network, we believe in creating unimaginable possibilities for small businesses that yield economic prosperity for our state.

From starting and growing a business, to selling it, this is where Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) help. Established by Congress, SBDCs foster local, regional, and state economic prosperity by providing aspiring and existing small businesses access to professionally certified and credentialed business consultants to help mitigate common obstacles and find success.

Designated as “Florida’s principal provider of small business assistance [Fla. Stat. § 288.001],” the Florida SBDC Network, one of 62 SBDC networks in the country, has more than 40 offices, and approximately 50 outreach locations from Pensacola to Key West to serve the needs of Florida’s business community.

Since 1976, our network of partners has helped construct a statewide ecosystem to foster the spirit, support, and success of more than 1.2 million small business owners.

In addition to our core service offering of no-cost consulting, training, and business research, Florida SBDCs provide a comprehensive toolkit of specialized services for businesses looking to accelerate market growth, including:

- Strategic & Business Plan Development
- Access to Capital
- Strategic Market Research
- Cybersecurity
- Market Growth Development
- International Trade
- Government Contracting
- Disaster Resiliency & Recovery

Our clients tell our story best. Read a sampling of testimonials from the tens of thousands of small businesses we assist each year.

Client Testimonials

Culhane’s Irish Pub, Atlantic Beach
“Cathy Hagan and Kevin Monahan have been instrumental in our business growth decisions every step of the way with marketing and proforma advice. We meet with them often and share email conversations. They are very professional and savvy in all areas of business development. They have amazing referrals, too. Don’t start a business without their consultation.”

—Mary Jane Culhane

The Law Firm of Short & Setzer, Atlantic Beach
“Cathy is wonderful to work with. She went above and beyond to help me create a budget and a business plan. I’m on the road to more growth because of her help!”

—Judi Setzer

LifeThrive Performance Systems, Inc., Jacksonville Beach
“Kaitlyn is thorough and tenacious in helping us achieve our goals. I could not have a better person to partner with in my efforts to grow and develop my business.”

—Charles Coker

The Blind Rabbit, Jacksonville Beach
“Hurricane Irma packed a punch! The bridge loan helped us regain our footing, pay our employees, replace lost inventory, and recover from being closed 5 days.”

—Stephen Sanford

Dorado Graphix, LLC, Jacksonville
“The Florida SBDC has proven to be our most valuable consulting resource. Their expertise has helped us navigate the financial challenges required to establish and grow our business. Every entrepreneur should make the Florida SBDC a go-to resource for information and consulting. I feel that without them our business would not have had a chance to succeed.”

—Bart Jordan

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