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SBA Announces Funding Competition to Organizations Providing Training to Women Veteran Entrepreneurs

WASHINGTON – The [U.S. Small Business Administration](#) today announced that nonprofit organizations, state and local agencies, and institutions of higher learning are eligible to compete for funding of up to \$300,000 to deliver entrepreneurship training to women service members, women veterans, and women military spouses.

Up to six awardees receive a total of \$300,000 in grants administered by [SBA's Office of Veterans Business Development](#) to participate in the Women Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Program. The funds will be used to cover the costs of educating women service members and veterans, as well as women military spouses who are interested in starting or currently own a small business.

“Women veteran entrepreneurs have contributed in a major way to the growth of the U.S. economy, bringing in \$10 billion in receipts over a five-year period,” said Larry Stubblefield, Associate Administrator for SBA’s Office of Veterans Business Development. “The SBA is committed to supporting women veterans with the training and resources they need to start, grow, or expand a small business.”

Eligible organizations should submit applications for the Women Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Program funding opportunity (WVETP-2020-01) through [Grants.gov](#). Applications not submitted via Grants.gov will not be evaluated. **The**

submission deadline is Tuesday, March 17 at 11:59 p.m. EDT.

The SBA will host a conference call on Wednesday, February 26 at 2 p.m. EST to answer questions related to the Women Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Program grant announcement.

- Submit questions to Jerry Godwin at jerry.godwin@sba.gov no later than 4 p.m. EST on Monday, February 24.
- **Call in at (202) 765-1264; Conference ID: 13482739.**

A transcript of the webinar will be posted on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and www.sba.gov/ovbd once it is available.

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The U.S. Small Business Administration makes the American dream of business ownership a reality. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow or expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.