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Business Impact NW has been awarded a grant to establish the Oregon Minority Business Development Agency 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 Minority Business Development Agency Business Center (OBC). This will be the first and only MBDA Business Center serving the state of Oregon.

The purpose of the OBC will be to provide business development, capacity building, access to capital, and navigation support to minority-owned businesses in Oregon. The OBC will be located in the Portland, OR metropolitan area; it will serve minority entrepreneurs in the entire state of Oregon. The services that will be provided by OBC 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 BIPOC-owned businesses to make connections and achieve their goals. We appreciate the support of the Minority Business Development Agency 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 serving BIPOC, women, Veteran, immigrant, refugee, LGBTQ+, and low-income entrepreneurs in the Pacific Northwest through financial services, free business coaching, and trainings. To learn more about our services, visit www.businessimpactnw.org or follow us @businessimpactnw on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

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