



Carbondale Small Business ACCELERATOR PROGRAM



Fast track to
starting your
business

STARTS FEBRUARY 20, 2025

Embark on an entrepreneurial journey with the collaborative initiative of the City of Carbondale and the Illinois SBDC at SIU. This Accelerator Program is an exclusive grant opportunity strategically designed for small business start-ups. Apply today for this 10-week accountability program offering practical insights, tools, and mentorship to launch a business.

Participants who successfully complete the program will receive \$1,250 in start-up funding with the opportunity to pitch their business to a panel of judges for up to an additional \$5,000 in funding. Don't miss out on this unique grant opportunity to help elevate your business.

Flexible Learning! Choose your preferred mode: in-person, virtual, or hybrid. Participants must live in and/or operate their business in Carbondale, IL. Must be at least 18 years old and have a start-up or an existing business that has been in operation for less than four years.

The Illinois Small Business Development Center at SIU is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and Southern Illinois University.

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