# **OBDC** SMALL BUSINESS FINANCE

Powering Dreams. Transforming Communities.

### Education + Collaboration = Long Term Success

Since 1979 OBDC has been proud to help small business owners in the Bay Area flourish. We're with you every step of the way, from the initial point of contact through loan closing, and beyond.

### OBDC offers business development training for United States Veterans

OBDC is offering FastTrac, a program of the Kauffman Foundation. This structured program offers high quality training and ongoing resources to existing and aspiring entrepreneurs at all stages of business and has demonstrated results.

This practical, hands-on business development program is designed to help entrepreneurs hone the skills needed to create, manage, and grow successful businesses. In addition, participants get access to a vast number of resources to support them, after completing the course, ensuring that each entrepreneur's most critical needs are being met in real-time.

### If you're a veteran with entrepreneurial passion, you're not alone!

Did you know that U.S. military veterans own 2.45 million businesses, or 9% of all businesses nationwide? One out of ten United States veterans owns their own business.



## We're honored to serve those who have served our country.

OBDC's mission is to create economic opportunity by empowering entrepreneurs. Through innovative partnerships we provide small business owners with capital, education, and relationships that allow them to flourish. This collaborative approach helps our borrowers create jobs and stimulates economic development in low-tomoderate income communities.





### The Intentional Entrepreneur: Workshop for the aspiring entrepreneur

Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 Time: 6-9pm Location: downtown Oakland Cost: Free upon registration Register: <u>http://tiny.cc/OBDC-intentional</u> Registration deadline: January 6, 2015

This interactive, three-hour workshop guides participants through the process of new business consideration, exploration, and planning. During the session, participants will assess their entrepreneurial interest, identify their personal and professional goals, and develop the action steps necessary to make business ownership a reality.

### **New Venture:**

#### 10-week course for the aspiring entrepreneur

Date: Meets weekly, beginning February 24 and concluding April 28, 2015 Time: 6-9pm Location: downtown Oakland Cost: \$500 deposit, to be refunded upon the completion of the course Register: <u>http://tiny.cc/OBDC-NewVenture</u> Registration deadline: February 3, 2015

This interactive, 10-session course for aspiring entrepreneurs provides participants with the opportunity to build the plan and framework for their company. Throughout the course, participants will develop their business concept, determine the viability of the business idea, and formulate a detailed business plan.

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