

## Small Business Assistance Agencies

The following organizations provide assistance with business plan development and bringing ideas to reality. Most, if not all, have worked with Giant Vision competitors and can offer you valuable assistance. You are strongly urged to make contact with the office closest to your location.

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