

## Fresno State SBDC gets \$63K to help small businesses

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Fresno State's Small Business Development Center was awarded \$63,000 to assist small business owners and entrepreneurs in obtaining capital.

The funding comes from the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to help to help 34 such centers across the state educate local businesses on how to find loans and investors.

With its share of the funding, the Fresno State SBDC plans deploy regional consulting programs to increase the number of small business owners and entrepreneurs receiving debt and private capital funding in the Central Valley.

"This award is a very significant step forward for the Valley's startups and small businesses," said Dr. Timothy Stearns, executive director of the Lyles Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, which manages the SBDC. "Additionally, this money represents the importance that entrepreneurs bring to the local economy and the state at large."

The Fresno State SBDC is part of the [UC Merced Small Business Development Center](#) regional network, which has helped more than 16,000 small business clients since 2003 through seven service centers covering 15 counties in Central California.