



Carolina
Small Business
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CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND + HQ COMMUNITY PRESENT

NC Veteran Entrepreneurs Initiative

Carolina Small Business Development Fund has partnered up with HQ Community to provide an exciting opportunity for **military veteran entrepreneurs** across North Carolina. Through this partnership, qualified military veterans who are launching or who have launched their own businesses will get **a free one-year membership to HQ Community**. This includes:



Free co-working space in any of HQ Community's next generation offices including HQ Raleigh, HQ Greensboro, and HQ Charlotte (totaling close to 100,000 square feet)



Access to all of HQ Community's member benefits including back office support services, business mentorship and coaching, introductions to potential clients, partners, and investors, and more



Invitations to all HQ member events



Visibility across the HQ community through newsletters, social media, and digital signage within HQ's spaces.

These veterans will also be **eligible for funding** through Carolina Small Business Development Fund and **additional technical assistance** through HQ Labs. Through this partnership, **up to 12 companies led by military veterans** will also be eligible to receive a sponsored discount on private offices suite within HQ Raleigh or HQ Greensboro with the same membership benefits listed above. Acceptance into this program does not guarantee loan funding

ELIGIBILITY: Participating entrepreneurs must be current borrowers or potential borrowers of Carolina Small Business Development Fund. Program participants will be eligible to receive additional technical assistance through HQ Labs. Scholarships will be given to veteran-owned businesses or entrepreneurs who:

1. have been funded by CSBDF,
2. are working with one of CSBDF's approved partners, or
3. are working with CSBDF's business services and technical assistance team

TO APPLY: Interested veterans should send an email to veterans@hq.community with: **a brief bio including military service**, an **overview of the business** (outlining product/service, target market, and progress including any current revenue if applicable), **specific technical assistance needs**, **any capital needs** (if needed), and answer **the following questions**:

1. Have you had contact with anyone from Carolina Small Business Development Fund?
 - a. If yes, with whom and in what context?
2. Are you interested in obtaining debt capital to help start or grow your business?
3. We can provide free assistance and guidance with operation efficiency, cash flow management, marketing, networking and other enhancement services. Are you interested in learning more about these opportunities?

For questions, please contact: Le-Keisha Griffin at lgriffin@hq.community.