



The Honorable Senator Joni Ernst
Chair, Committee on Small Business and
Entrepreneurship
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Senator Ed Markey
Ranking Member, Committee on Small Business and
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The Honorable Rep. Roger Williams
Chair, Committee on Small Business
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The Honorable Rep. Nydia Velazquez
Ranking Member, Committee on Small Business
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Dear Chair Ernst, Ranking Member Markey, Chair Williams, and Ranking Member Velázquez:

On behalf of the Association of Women's Business Centers(AWBC), I want to thank you for your continued work to support women business owners through your support of the Women's Business Center program. While we work with the Committees on modernizing the program to best serve the taxpayer and entrepreneurs, we are reaching out as partners to your important oversight role of the program of today.

Starting this year, we will be providing the Committees with regular (quarterly) survey data regarding grant agreements and related payments. This has been a recurring request of the Committees and we have put in place a process to gather this data in a consistent and timely manner. We are also sharing these results with SBA and acknowledge at times there may be discrepancies between their data and ours.

Timely issuance of grants and timely payments of advances and reimbursements has been a longstanding issue in the WBC program across multiple Administrations, and we appreciate the Committees' past efforts to address these concerns.

January 2026 - Data Collection Results

Based on information collected from the WBCs that responded to our January data request, centers reported \$13,900,651.64 in outstanding payments. This figure reflects an aggregate of amounts self-reported by individual centers as of January 29, 2026. We have also broken the outstanding amount down by state below.

We have two important caveats to this data:

1. This data may not include all outstanding payments.
2. This data is constantly fluctuating, and SBA has recently cleared a number of payments which may have substantially reduced this amount.

Outstanding WBC Payments Owed by SBA by State

· AK – \$112,500.00	· KY – \$150,000.00	· NY – \$674,525.76
· AL – \$150,000.00	· LA – \$255,127.15	· OH – \$675,000.00
· AZ – \$75,000.00	· MA – \$262,500.00	· OK – \$112,500.00
· CA – \$2,495,361.83	· MD – \$562,500.00	· OR – \$162,500.00
· CO – \$37,171.11	· ME – \$150,000.00	· PA – \$380,782.00
· CT – \$337,500.00	· MI – \$210,726.80	· PR – \$112,500.00
· DE – \$112,500.00	· MN – \$300,000.00	· RI – \$112,500.00
· FL – \$562,500.00	· MO – \$525,000.00	· SC – \$266,082.37
· GA – \$187,500.00	· MT – \$112,500.00	· SD – \$299,473.47
· HI – \$150,000.00	· NC – \$655,295.50	· UT – \$262,500.00
· IA – \$225,000.00	· ND – \$225,000.00	· VA – \$450,000.00
· ID – \$75,000.00	· NE – \$275,000.00	· VT – \$150,000.00
· IL – \$114,927.19	· NH – \$150,000.00	· WA – \$300,000.00
· IN – \$203,722.83	· NJ – \$257,455.63	· WI – \$600,000.00
· KS – \$75,000.00	· NM – \$337,500.00	

Notice of Awards

We also collected data regarding the underlying grants for FY2026 and found 16 Women’s Business Centers that have not yet received a Notice of Award (NOA). To our knowledge, all other centers received their Notices just before the October 1, 2025 government shutdown, which caused significant operational disruptions at SBA. The following 16 centers have continued to provide services and support to their communities despite not yet having formal Notices of Award. SBA acknowledged in writing that good faith efforts to provide approved services will be covered when grants are made.

1. Capital Region, Hartford Connecticut WBC — Hartford, Connecticut
2. Idaho Women’s Business Center – Business Impact NW — Nampa, Idaho
3. Jacksonville Women’s Business Center — Jacksonville, Florida
4. NEW Women’s Business Center — Reseda, California
5. NEW Women’s Business Center – Gateway Cities — South Gate, California
6. Oregon Women’s Business Center — Portland, Oregon
7. Pasadena Women’s Business Center — Pasadena, California
8. The Mustard Seed Place WBC — Portsmouth, Virginia
9. The Tampa Bay Women’s Business Center — Tampa, Florida
10. WBC of Greater Dayton — Dayton, Ohio
11. WESST Las Cruces WBC — Las Cruces, New Mexico
12. Western Women’s Business Center — Asheville, North Carolina
13. Women’s Business Center at JEDI — Mount Shasta, California
14. Women’s Business Center at True Access Capital — Wilmington, Delaware
15. Women’s Business Development Center – Peoria — Peoria, Illinois
16. YWCA Maui Women’s Business Center — Kahului, Hawaii

We hope this list and regular collection of data is beneficial for your offices. Again, AWBC plans to share this with SBA and the House and Senate Small Business Committees on a quarterly basis.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the more than 15 million women-owned businesses in the United States. Many have engaged with WBCs, which continue to enable success: WBCs generate \$6 in small business revenue and \$7.50 in private capital investment for every \$1 of SBA support, all while sustaining 340,000 jobs that contribute \$16 billion in salaries annually.

Warm regards,

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