





MISSION

“ To elevate and empower historically excluded and under resourced entrepreneurs with tailored business assistance and flexible capital to build family wealth through small business ownership.



VISION & HISTORY

MESO was founded on a simple, yet remarkable notion - business ownership restores the financial footing of individuals, and disenfranchised communities can thrive with responsive, accessible and affordable capital and resources.

MESO started as a grassroots initiative in 2005, to support small businesses experiencing displacement and challenges due to gentrification, new development, and increased rents in N/NE Portland.





Elevating Entrepreneurship

What We Do

- Technical Assistance
- Access to Capital
- Business Planning
- Brand and Marketing
- Market Research
- Individual Development Accounts (IDA)
- Classes & Workshops
- Networking
- Industry and Culturally Specific Cohorts
- Professional and Peer Mentoring
- Local Resources, Referrals, and Partnerships
- MESO Makers Market
- Youth Services and Programming
- Childcare Business

OUR PROGRAM LOCATIONS

Where to Find Us

OREGON COAST

EASTERN OREGON



48 staff total
58% BIPOC
5 inter-org languages

SBA LENDING SERVICE AREA

- Multnomah
- Washington
- Clackamas
- Columbia
- Hood River
- Yamhill
- Marion
- Polk
- Jackson
- Josephine
- Douglas
- Klamath
- Clatsop
- Tillamook
- Lincoln

SOUTHERN OREGON

Business Advising & Technical Assistance

We focus on strategic planning and collaboration with each business owner, creating a healthy relationship where support services can be offered in an integrated manner. Each entrepreneur is assigned a business advisor and receives tailored one-on-one support for a minimum of three years.

MESO offers the following services:

- Financial Management
- Time Management
- Accounting / Bookkeeping
- Budgeting / Forecasting
- Credit Enhancement
- Personal Development
- Confidence-Building
- Business Strategies & Implementation
- Planning / Goal Setting
- Capacity Building
- HR Best Practices
- Motivation / Leadership
- Branding / Websites
- Marketing

MESO

FUTURE LEADERS

YOUTH PROGRAM

AGE GROUPS

- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- MIDDLE SCHOOL
- HIGH SCHOOL
- YOUNG ADULT

FOCUS AREAS

- ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- FINANCIAL LITERACY
- SERVICE LEARNING
- INTERNSHIPS



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