



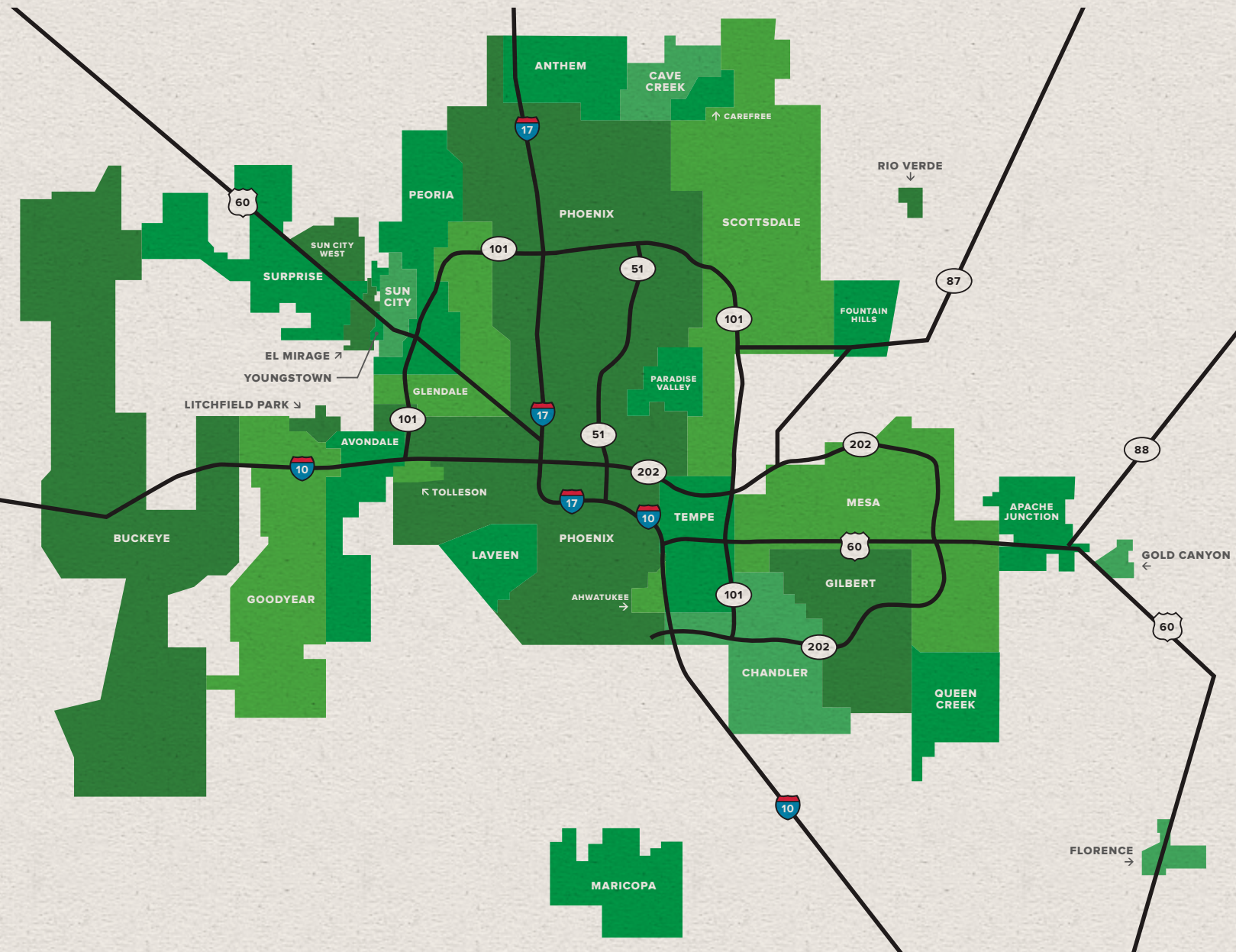
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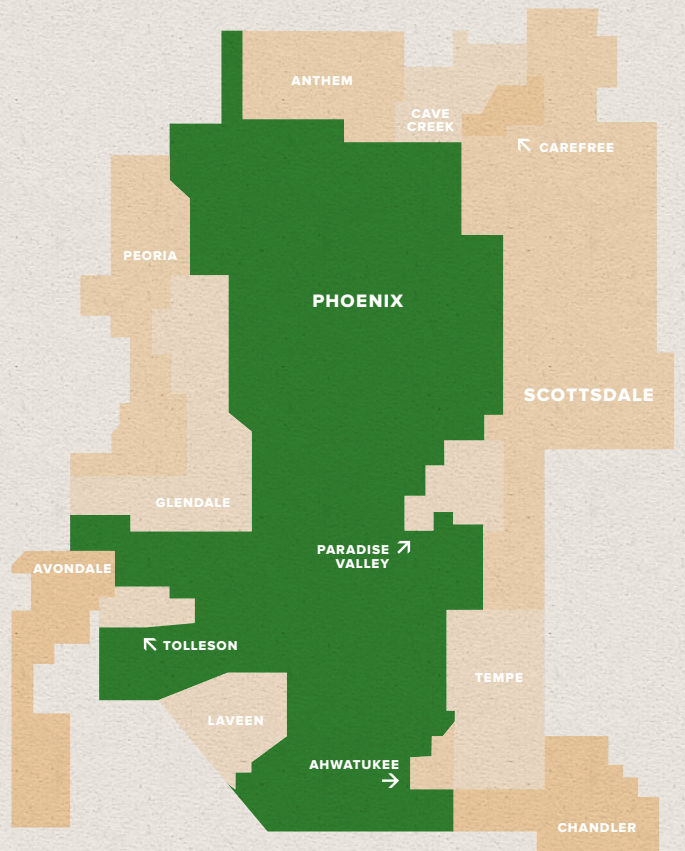
SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES



Helping Everyday People, Do Everyday Things

Entrepreneurs all throughout Arizona are looking to get better acquainted with their community and find their place in the greater Phoenix market. From one-man operations to industry disruptors, any small business owner can use this city guide to make their mark and help their businesses grow.





PHOENIX

Phoenix knows the value of small business, and has created a model for success to give entrepreneurs a competitive edge. Business planning strategies and employee procurement are just some of the services the city offers.

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Local First Small Business Resource Guide

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- Check out this guide to learn more about Phoenix's adaptive and self-certification programs as well as the five steps for doing business with the city of Phoenix.

Phoenix Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Review

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- Learn more about the Phoenix Forward movement and the Economic Development Committee's business-friendly initiatives for 2014 and beyond.

U.S. Small Business Association - Phoenix District Resource Guide

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Phoenix Public Library

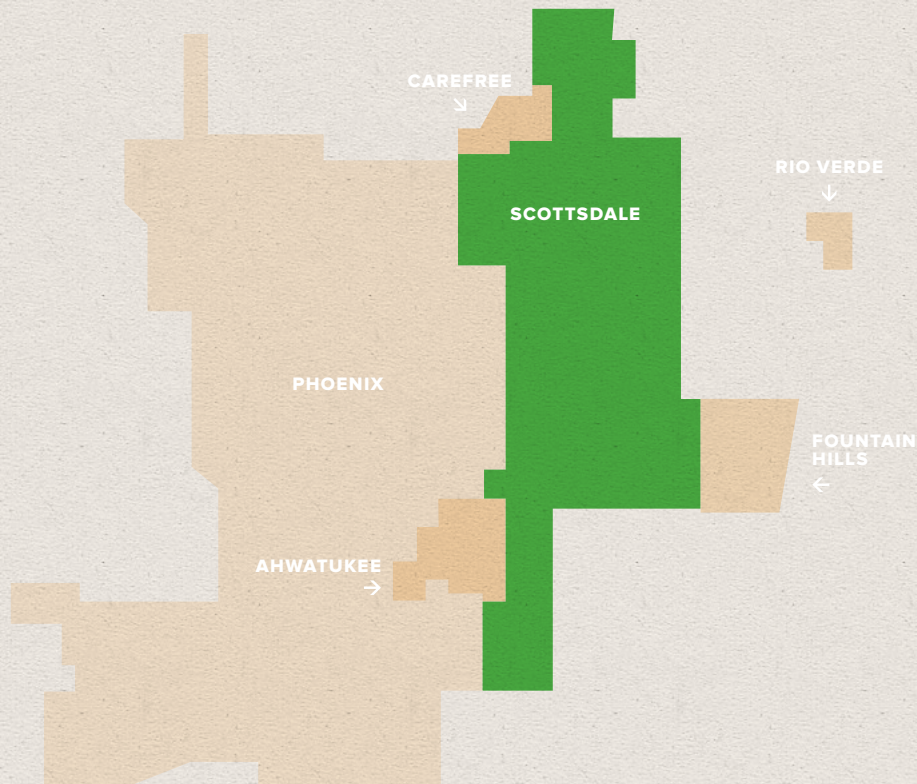
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- Choose from nearly 500 classes created for small business owners and their staff. Also take part in speaker series focused on social media, finance, marketing, leadership and business programs.
- 1221 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004

Seedspot

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- Seedspot is an incubator that brings business to life with once-a-week and full-time programs. Apply by January 30th to join the spring cohort.
- 2828 N. Central Ave. 7th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85004



SCOTTSDALE

Highly educated workers flock to Scottsdale for its pro-business attitude, and businesses flock due to the city's rich history in tourism.

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Scottsdale Community Fact Sheet

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City of Scottsdale SizeUp for Local Business Intelligence tool

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- Benchmark your business, map your competition and find the best places to advertise with this extremely useful—and complimentary— tool.

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ASU Startup Accelerator

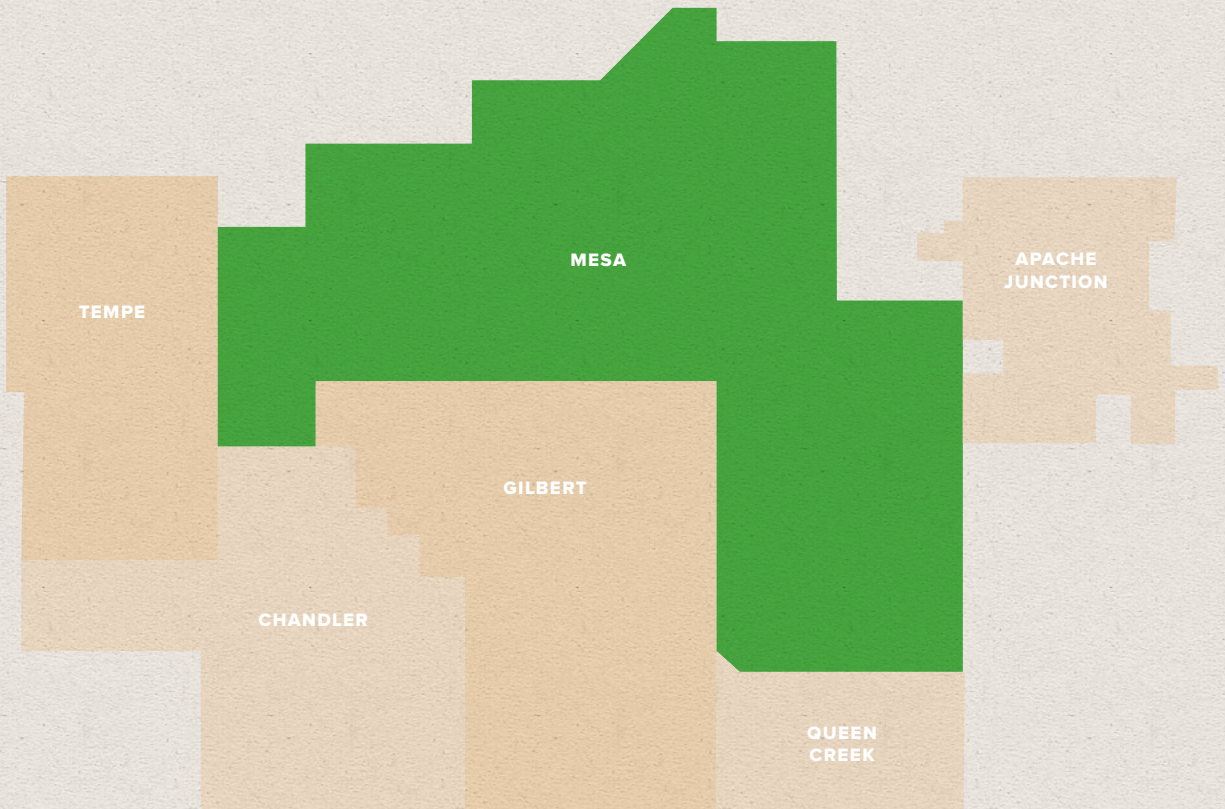
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- Startups chosen for this prestigious program can expect to receive many benefits, including connections to more than 300 experienced mentors, workspace at ASU's SkySong and the opportunity to participate in an investor demo day.
- For more information, [Email](#)

Eureka Loft

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- [3839 N. Drinkwater Blvd. Scottsdale, AZ 85251](#)
- Request a business mentor or just take advantage of the 'I Love Marketing!' group that meets every third Wednesday at 6:30pm.



MESA

Mesa's goal to be the city of the future is focused on growing six core industries: healthcare, education, energy, aerospace, technology and tourism.

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City of Mesa Small Business Guide

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Mesa Chamber of Commerce

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- Each year the Mesa COC facilitates more than 400 events and programs for networking business professional

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Mesa THINKspot

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- [635 N. Power Rd. Mesa, AZ 85205](#)
- Mesa THINKspot's vision is to "provide the community hands-on opportunities to innovate in a flexible, multipurpose space that encourages collaboration, conversation, creativity, and curiosity."

Mesa Launchpoint

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- Provides new and emerging tech companies a structured program with critical guidance, insight and support.
- Apply online [here](#)

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Looking to attract high-wage jobs in technology and science, these two East Valley cities are focused providing comprehensive entrepreneurship-focused programming services.

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Gilbert Small Business Alliance

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- Founded by a group of small business owners in 2008, Gilbert's SBA gives small businesses a voice by representing their interests in local and state policy.
- Small business owners can become members for as little as \$150.

Chandler Business Alliance

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- Chandler businesses focus on giving back to the local community through service to non-profit organizations.

Chandler Small Business Assistance Team

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Chandler Gangplank

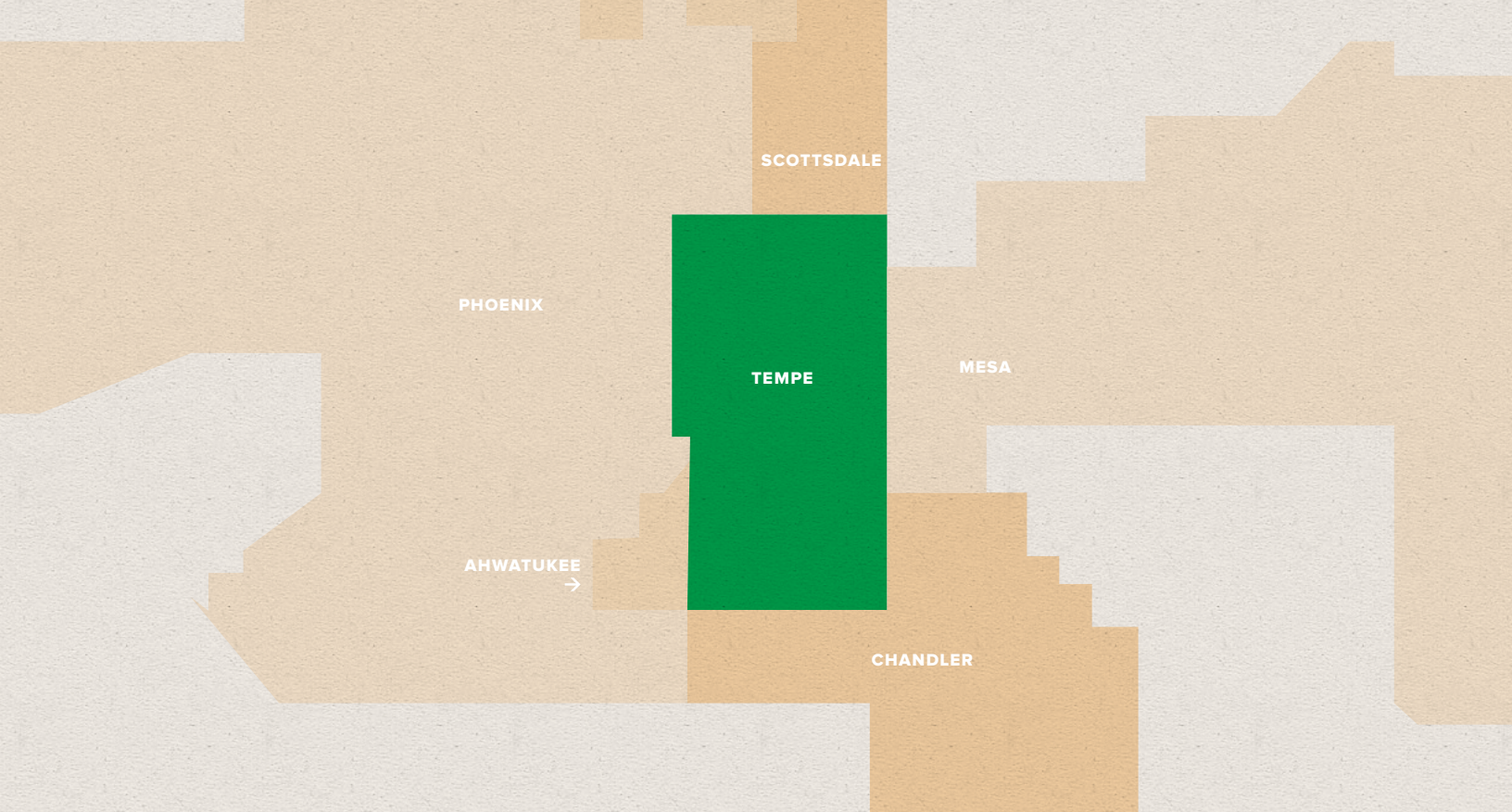
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- Gangplank supplies both the physical and social infrastructure for creators and innovators to thrive through collaboration.
- [260 S. Arizona Ave. Chandler, AZ 85255](#)
- Gangplank's events are hip. Join the bookkeeping and beers meetup or the guilt-free book club to begin networking!

Network Together Gilbert Meetup Group

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- Themes of meetups rotate on a weekly basis.



TEMPE

Recently named the digital capital of Arizona by Google, works with multiple organizations in order to identify small businesses they believe will fit well in their well-educated community. Once they've found them, they'll do anything to help them succeed.

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Tempe Chamber of Commerce Business Toolkit

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- Learn how to grow your business, hire/manage employees, find financing, go green and more with this free encyclopedic Tempe Chamber resource.

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Big Bounce

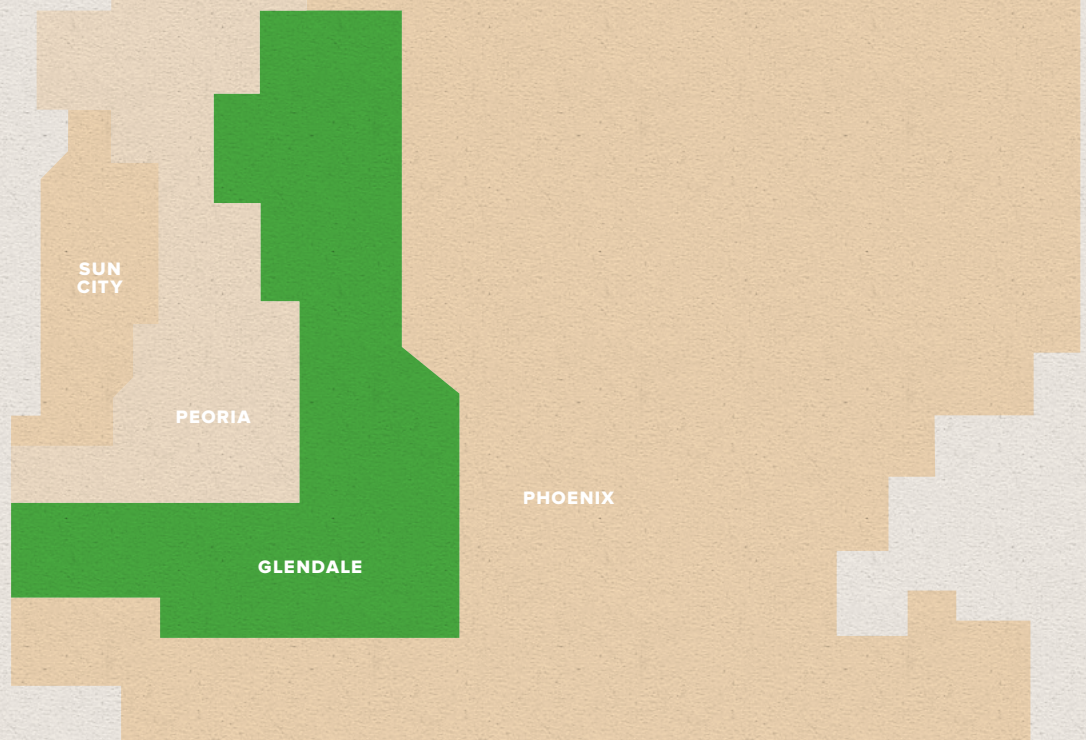
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- Big Bounce's mission is to keep disruptive startups in business. Join Big Bounce to master business fundamentals and protect your investment.
- [170 S. Ash Ave. Tempe, AZ 85281](#)
- Big Bounce visiting hours are Monday-Thursday 12-5 pm and Friday 9 am-3 pm.

City of Tempe Events

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- Check out this full calendar of events and meetings, many with a small business emphasis.



GLENDALE

Business expansion and retention is vital for Glendale’s success. The city’s effort to become a premier destination for commercial development is just one way it’s supporting small businesses.

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Glendale Economic Development Department

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- Glendale’s Business Assistance Program offers a wide range of services and incentives to local businesses, including the Visual Improvement Program (VIP) that partially reimburses property owners for making exterior improvements to their facilities.

Glendale Chamber of Commerce

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- Glendale’s Chamber of Commerce is one of the largest business organizations in the West Valley. By connecting with the Chamber, businesses join a climate of growth and success.

AZ Big Media article “Headed for a Boom, the West Valley is Ready to Go”

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- Learn more about the future of business for everyone west of the I-17.

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West Valley Women

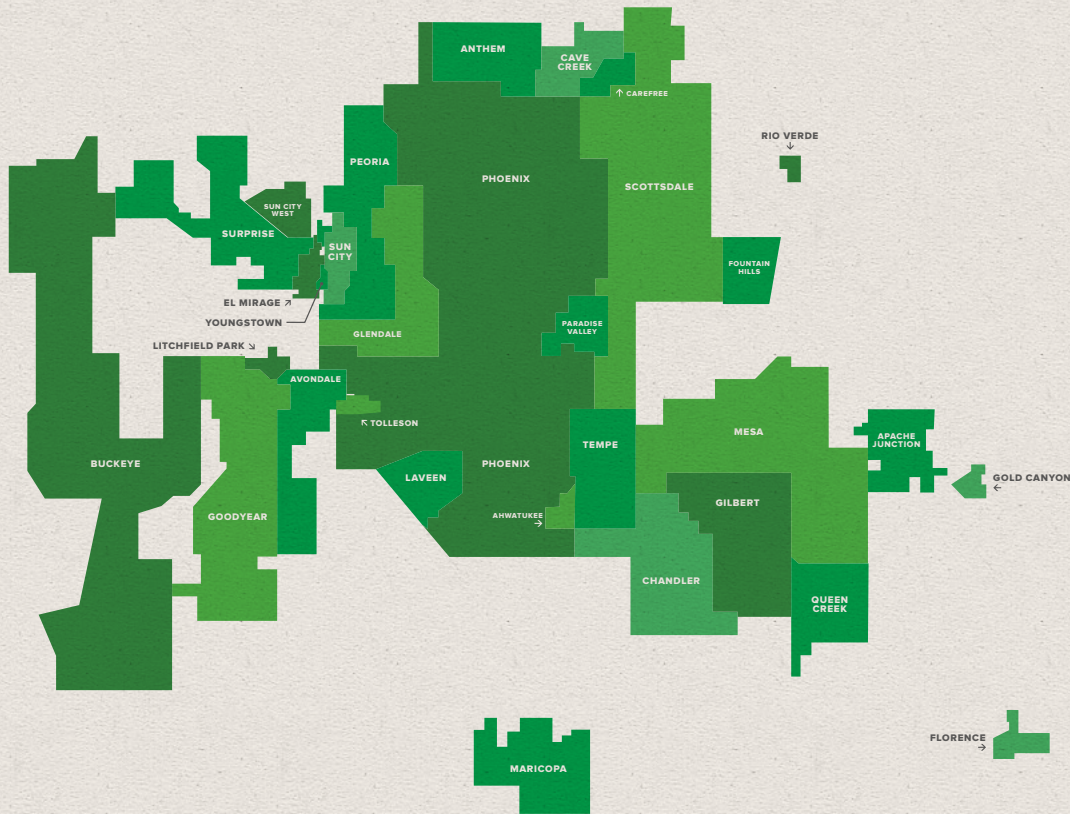
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- By becoming a member of West Valley Women, professional women can share information, ideas and contacts while being inspired to empower others.
- Business/organization membership costs \$216 annually.

West Valley Toastmasters Meetup

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- Find success in the workplace and network with more than 100 members at the West Valley Toastmasters Meetup. Events occur weekly on Wednesdays at 6 pm.



GREATER PHOENIX AREA

Overall, the cities that make up the Valley of the Sun are focused on keeping small businesses thriving. By providing assistance, resources and training, these cities have made Arizona No. 1 in the nation for entrepreneurial activity.

Statewide Resources & Tools

[inBusiness Greater Phoenix Top 50 Small Business Resources Guide](#)

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[Arizona Small Business Development Center Network \(AZBCD\)](#)

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- With 10 service centers and 16 satellite meeting sites in Arizona, the AZBCD brings nationwide resources to local businesses. Read more about what the ASBCD can do for your business in their brochure. <http://www.azsbdc.net/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/AZSBDC-Broch-2-6-13-Web.pdf>

[The Arizona We Want 2.0 Report](#)

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- Reference this report for valuable knowledge about Arizona's residents and what they want for the future of their state.

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[Arizona Small Business Association](#)

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- By bringing thousands of professionals together, the ASBA is THE statewide resource for small businesses
- Get involved by joining their annual meeting on Jan. 15, 2015 from 8-10 am at the National Bank of Arizona Conference Center 6001 N. 24th St., Phoenix, AZ 85016

[SCORE](#)

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- SCORE is a non-profit dedicated to further enhancement and development of the economic base of the community and to helping small businesses grow.
- Greater Phoenix SCORE hosts a handful of live webinars and online workshops focused on technology, marketing, startups, management, finances and general business.