

# JOBS UPDATES

## Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Program

WORK VERIFICATION POINTS UPDATES

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### Support Services for Self-Employment

When participants have a JOBS step to support their goal of starting their own business, we can assist with some support services. We do ask that participants pursue available grants and funds intended for individuals planning on starting their own business. If individuals have remaining costs that they need assistance covering, support services can assist if it is not an item billable to their intended client.

*Some resources for assistance in planning/starting their own business, including funding:*

*Business Xpress:* <https://www.oregon.gov/business/Pages/index.aspx>

*Business Oregon:* <https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/homeareas/fundbusiness/pages/default.aspx>

*SBDC (Small Business Development Center) Oregon:* <https://oregonsbdc.org/centers/>

Example 1: A contractor is requesting assistance with painting supplies. Support services could assist with items that will be used ongoing by the business such as reusable drop cloths, paint rollers and brushes, or a ladder. We would not be able to assist with actual costs of materials such as paint as that is part of the billable amount to their client.

Example 2: Individual is requesting assistance with business licensing; they have connected with their local SBDC and have reached their limit of available funds. They have received assistance for all other needed items. We can assist with the business license costs.

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