**Appendix BH**

**Financial Resources for Self-Employment**

* Social Security Administration’s Work Incentives:

<http://www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/detailedinfo.htm>

For example, the Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS) is one option. “It is a Supplemental Security Income (SSI) provision to help individuals with disabilities return to work. Training, items and benefits can include supplies to start businesses, school expenses, equipment and tools, transportation and uniform requests.”

* National Veteran Owned Business Association

Buy Veteran
429 Mill Street
Coraopolis, PA 15108
Phone: (412) 269-1663
Fax: (412) 269-1646
Email: **cs@buyveteran.com**

“NaVOBA’s Mission is simple — to create opportunities for all of America’s veteran-owned businesses. More than 3 million men and women who have defended our nation’s freedoms by serving in America’s armed forces have made the choice to start their own small businesses after their military service. We call them vetrepreneurs.”

* National Association for the Self-Employed

P.O. Box 241
Annapolis Junction, MD 20701-0241

For residents of the Continental US:
1-800-649-6273
(7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. CST)
Monday - Friday

For residents of Alaska and Hawaii:
1-800-232-6273
(7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. CST)
Monday - Friday

“The NASE was founded in 1981 to provide day-to-day support, including direct access to experts, benefits, including scholarships and grants, and consolidated buying power that traditionally had been available only to large corporations. Today the NASE represents hundreds of thousands of entrepreneurs and micro-businesses, and is the largest nonprofit, nonpartisan association of its kind in the United States.”

* **The Abilities Fund**

307 North 13th Street

Suite 500

Centerville, IA 52544-1823

Toll Free: (888) 222-8943

Direct: (641) 856-2173

Fax: (641) 856-3101

<http://www.abilitiesfund.org/index.php>

“The Abilities Fund is the first nationwide nonprofit community developer and financial institution focused exclusively on expanding entrepreneurial opportunities, including access to capital, for people with disabilities. We do this by providing a unique combination of financial products, training, technical assistance benefits and advisory supports to individuals with disabilities.”

* **Association for Enterprise Opportunity**

1601 North Kent Street

Suite 1101

Arlington, VA 22209

Phone: (703) 841-7760

Fax: (703) 841-7748
<http://www.aeoworks.org/>

“AEO is a national membership organization and voice of microenterprise development in the United States. For nearly two decades, AEO and its hundreds of member organizations have helped more than two million entrepreneurs support themselves and their families and contribute to their communities through business ownership. AEO strives to foster greater understanding of the importance of strong and effective microenterprise initiatives to the U.S. economy and to increase capacity of the field to support underserved entrepreneurs in starting, stabilizing, and establishing businesses.”