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**eDev announces orientation dates for the SBA microloan lender program**

eDev (formerly Lane MicroBusiness) will be holding a series of microloan workshops for small businesses seeking expansion capital throughout Lane and Harney Counties. eDev was designated as only one of eight new Small Business Administration microlenders in the country. eDev has been initially awarded \$150,000 in microloan funding and can seek more loan authority as loan demand increases.

Orientation sessions will be held in the following locations and dates

City/Town	Location	Date	Time
Veneta	Fern Ridge Community Library, 88026 Territorial Rd	Wednesday, September 16th	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Eugene	LCC BDC, 1445 Willamette St	Monday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
Oakridge	City Hall, 48316 East First St	Monday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Florence	Public Library 1460 9 <sup>th</sup> Street	Tuesday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Junction City	Scandia Hall Fifth and Greenwood Streets	Wednesday September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Burns	Harney County Chamber	Tuesday, September 29 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Cottage Grove	Community Center 700 East Gibbs	Monday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

“The purpose of the orientation sessions is to provide existing and start-up small businesses with the information and steps that they will need to undertake to successfully obtain a small business loan,” says Shawn Winkler-Rios, eDev’s executive director. “We will be offering low introductory rate loans to individuals and businesses with good credit.”

All businesses seeking loans will be expected to have a current business plan that outlines how the company intends to use the loan funds.

eDev is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Eugene, Oregon. The organization provides business training and technical assistance to approximately 500 individuals annually. eDev also has a small business grants program that provides 3:1 matching funds for low income individuals wanting to start or build their business. A current list of training classes is available at [www.edev.org](http://www.edev.org).