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# STARTUP BUSINESS PLAN [YEAR]


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# 1.

## Executive Summary

Business Overview

Mission Statement

Product/Service Summary

Market Opportunity Summary

Traction Summary

Next Steps

Vision Statement

Capital Request



## REMEMBER

The Executive Summary is the first page of your business plan (for Readers), but it should be the last chapter you write. It acts as both the introduction to, and the summary of, your entire idea.

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## Business Overview

### Help Tip

Provide a brief description of your operation. In a few sentences, help people who are unfamiliar with your business develop an understanding of what you produce, the size of your operation, and how you market your products.

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## Mission Statement

### Help Tip

### JJB Coffee

A mission statement describes the fundamental purpose of your startup,



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## Product/Service Summary

### Help Tip

### Take-Out Pizza

This section is the place to highlight the problem you solve or the need you fulfill. Write a brief description of your company's products or services, with a special emphasis on what makes them unique.

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# Market Opportunity Summary

## 💡 Help Tip

A quick explanation of the one or two key problems and/or trends your product/service addresses, and how it translates to a big opportunity for your company (and investors).

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# Traction Summary

## 💡 Help Tip

Highlight a few of the biggest accomplishments that you have achieved and describe how those accomplishments lay the groundwork for what's to come. Summarize key financial data that is relevant to the reader or data that supports your research. This

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# Next Steps

## 💡 Help Tip

Outline the next objectives or milestones that you hope to meet and what it means for the growth of your company.

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# Vision Statement

## Help Tip

- What is the scope or “big picture vision” of the business you are trying to build?
- If you’re in tech, are you trying to build the next Nest?
- If you’re in food and beverage, are you aiming to be the next Chipotle?

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# Capital Request

## Help Tip

The most common reason for developing a business plan is to be able to present your ideas for a new or expanded business to investors or lenders. After you have described your plan, they will want to know how much money you need and the purpose for which you need it.

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# 2.

## Company Synopsis

Problem

Solution



## REMEMBER

The Company Synopsis section is where you provide readers with a more in-depth look at your company and what you have to offer.

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## Problem

### Help Tip

You might have the most revolutionary product the world has ever seen, but if you don't take the time to carefully articulate why your product exists in the first place and how it helps your customers solve a pain point better than anything else out there, nothing will happen.

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## Problem Analysis

## Solution

### Help Tip

Every business needs to solve a problem that its customers face. Explain what the problem is and how your product or service solves it. Once you've thoroughly explained the problem you're setting out to solve, it's time to tell investors how your product/service will solve the problem.

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# 3.

## Market Overview

Industry Analysis

Market Size & Growth

Market Trends

Market Segments

Customers

Industry Success Stories



## REMEMBER

While your problem and solution statements help set the stage and provide readers with insight into why you're starting this company in the first place, clearly defining your market will allow you to call attention to your market.

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## Industry Analysis

### Help Tip

*Give a brief overview of the industry. Define the industry in terms of historical background, the geographic area it services and the products it offers. Describe how your company will position itself within the industry. Focus on how your company can take advantage of the industry.*

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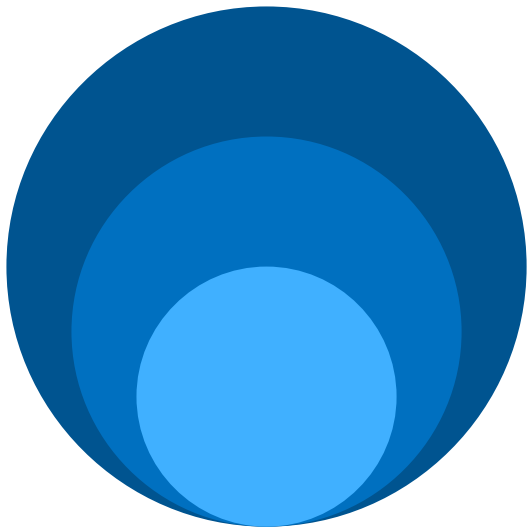
## Market Size & Growth

### Help Tip

Indicating to your readers that your problem addresses a big enough market will play a huge role in how excited they'll be about getting involved in helping your company. This is where you'll want to put your research cap on and start uncovering some numbers.

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Available Market

10k

Served Market

7k

Target Market

5k

## Market Trends

### Help Tip

- What recent emerging trends have you developed your product/service in response to?
- Are there any new technologies that have emerged recently that make your product/solution possible?

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## Market Segments

### Help Tip

Market segments are groups of customers that have similar needs or who will respond similarly to a marketing approach. You probably have different groups or types of customers to which you market your products.

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# Customers

## Help Tip

- Who are the customers for your primary products?
- Do you anticipate those customer changing? If so, what are the characteristics of these new customers that must be factored into your marketing plan?

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# Industry Success Stories

## Help Tip

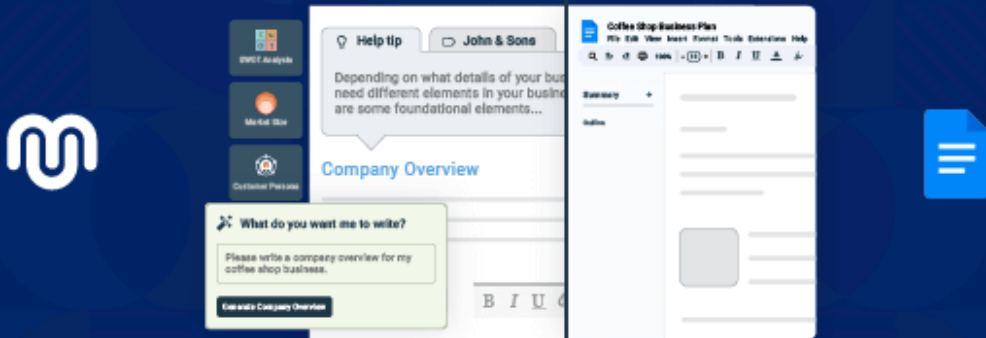
- Are there any examples of similar companies that investors have supported that you could point to?
- Are there any recent acquisitions (examples of larger companies)

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# 4.

## Product & Services

Products/Services

Market position

Unique selling position

Pricing strategy

Value to customer



**REMEMBER**

You used your Company Synopsis chapter to cover why your new product delivers crazy value to your customers by breaking down the ways that it benefits your customers and meets a highly specific need.

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## Products/Services

**Help Tip**

What do you sell, and how is it manufactured or provided? Include details of relationships with suppliers, manufacturers and/or partners that are essential to delivering the product or service to customers.

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## Features



**Product 1**

Write something about a feature.



**Product 2**

Write something about a feature.



**Product 3**

Write something about a feature.

## Market position

### Help Tip

- Where do your products/services fit in the market?
- Are they high-end, competitive or budget?
- How does this compare to your competitors?


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## Unique selling position

### Help Tip

- How will your products/services succeed in the market where others may have failed?
- What gives your products/services the edge?

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## Pricing strategy

### Help Tip

- Do you have a particular pricing strategy?
- Why have you chosen this strategy?

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# Value to customer

## Help Tip

- How do your customers view your products/services?
- Are they a necessity, luxury or something in between?

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# 5.

## Revenue Model

Revenue Channels

Pricing

COGS

Margins



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It's the age-old question that every business owner has had to answer:



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## Revenue Channels

### Help Tip

- Are you leveraging transaction-based revenue by collecting one-time payments from your customers?
- Are you generating service revenue based on the time spent providing services?

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## Pricing

### Help Tip

- What are your price points and why have you set them that way?
- How does your pricing compare with similar products or services in the market?

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## COGS

### Help Tip

Cost of goods sold, otherwise known as COGS, refers to the business expenses associated with selling your product or service, including any materials and labor costs that went into producing your product.

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# Margins

## Help Tip

Your margin refers to the profit percentage you end up with after you subtract out the costs for the goods or services being sold. If you purchase your inventory for \$8 per item from a supplier and sell them for \$10, for example, your margin on sales is 20%.

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# 6.

## Operating Model

Critical Costs

Cost Maturation & Milestones

Investment Costs

Operating Efficiencies





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Where your Revenue Model refers to how you're going to make money, your Operating Model is about how you're going to manage the costs and efficiencies to earn it.

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## Critical Costs

### Help Tip

Your Critical Costs are the costs that make or break your business if you can't manage them appropriately. These essentially determine your ability to grow the business or achieve profitability.

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## Cost Maturation & Milestones

### Help Tip

Often your Critical Costs mature over time, growing or shrinking. For example, it might only cost you \$10 to acquire your first 1,000 users, but \$20 to acquire the next 10,000. It's important to show investors exactly where costs might improve or worsen over time.

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## Investment Costs

### Help Tip

Investment costs are strategic uses of capital that will have a big Return on Investment (ROI) later. The first step is to isolate what those investment costs are. The second step is to explain how you expect those investments to pay off.

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# Operating Efficiencies

## Help Tip

What can you do from an efficiency standpoint that no one else can? It could be the way you recruit new talent, how you manage customer support costs, or the increasing value your product provides as more users sign up.

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# 7.

## Competitive Analysis

Competitors

Traction

Similarities & Differences



## REMEMBER

Now that you've introduced readers to your industry and your product, it's time to give them a glimpse into the other companies that are working in the same space and how your company stacks up.

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# Competitors

## Help Tip

It's good to understand your competitors – who they are, their features, strengths and their weaknesses – particularly if you have a small target market. That knowledge will help you to be different from your competitors and to shape your business strategy.

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Competitor 1

Competitor 2

# Traction

## Help Tip

- How much revenue does your competitor generate each year?
- Approximately how many users/customers do they have?
- Have they received venture funding? How much? From whom?

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# Similarities & Differences

## Help Tip

- What are the points of similarity between your competitor and you in terms of offering, price point, branding, etc?
- What are the points of difference. both for the better and for the

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# 8.

## Marketing Plan

Customer Definition

Customer Acquisition

SWOT – Internal and external forces

Launch Strategy and Budget

Distribution Channels



## REMEMBER

Marketing is the process of creating customers, and customers are the lifeblood of your business. In this section, the first thing you want to do is define your marketing strategy. There is no single w

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## Customer Definition

### Help Tip

The name of the game here is to know your audience!

This is where you show readers that you know :

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## Customer Acquisition

### Help Tip

Now that we know who your customers are, the next question is



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### Help Tip


Which channels will you use to acquire your customers?

- Direct sales?

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## Channels

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 **Help Tip**


There are hard costs associated with every customer acquisition channel. Yes, even social media. It's your job here to forecast and compile all of the associated costs with a particular channel so that you can arrive at a preliminary budget for what it would cost to acquire a customer.

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## Channel Cost Assumptions

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## SWOT – Internal and external forces

 **Help Tip**

Now that you've analyzed your market and your competition, think more widely about your SWOT – your strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Some will be internal to your company. Others will be forces outside your direct control. They're all important to consider.

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## Strength

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*Mention positive tangible and intangible attributes. Internal to your organization. which are within the organization's control.*

## Weakness

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*Factors that are within an organization's control that detract from its ability to attain the core goal. In which areas might the organization improve?*

## Opportunity

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*External attractive factors that represent the reason for an organization to exist and develop. What opportunities exist in the environment which will propel the organization?*

## Threat

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*External factors, beyond an organization's control, which could place the organization's mission or operation at risk. The organization may benefit by having contingency plans to address them should they occur.*

## Launch Strategy and Budget

*Explain your launch marketing strategy and then note your budget. Few businesses make their name purely on word-of-mouth; they need to promote their business to effectively set up their stall in the marketplace. The budget for this should be part of the start-up costs mentioned in the Finance section and reflect the total cost of the launch marketing tactics outlined in your marketing strategy.*

Area Of Spend	Cost(\$)
[Cost title]	[Cost Amount]
<b>Total</b>	

# Distribution Channels

## Help Tip

What methods of distribution will you use to sell your products and/or services? These may include:

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# 9.

## Traction

Product Development

Manufacturing/Distribution

Early Customers & Revenue

Testimonials & Social Proof

Partnerships

Intellectual Property

Press Mentions



## REMEMBER

Many investors see hundreds of deals every year.

If you want to stand a chance of making any sort of meaningful impression

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## Product Development

### Help Tip

- Where are you in the product development process?
- Do you have a working prototype?
- Is your product already in the market and gaining customers?

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## Manufacturing/Distribution

### Help Tip

- Do you already have an established partner for production/manufacturing?
- How about distribution? Tell us about your relationships and what they can handle.

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## Early Customers & Revenue

### Help Tip

- Do you have any existing customers? If so, how many, and how fast is your customer base growing?
- Have you started generating revenue? If so, how much?

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## Testimonials & Social Proof

### Help Tip

- Do you have any client reviews or comments that can illustrate positive customer response to your product/service?
- Has your product/service been reviewed/endorsed by any industry expert?

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## Partnerships

### Help Tip

Have you secured partnerships with any established or notable companies or brands?


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## Intellectual Property

### Help Tip

- Do you have any patents for the technology or ideas behind your company?
- Is your company name trademarked?

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# Press Mentions

 **Help Tip**

Has your company been featured by any media outlets? Which ones?

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# 10.

## Management & Organization

Management Team

Advisory Board Members

Organization Chart

Hiring Plan

Professional Services



**REMEMBER**

Your Management & Organization chapter is where you introduce your team and, if possible, explain how each team member's background is highly relevant to the success of your company.

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## Management Team



**John Doe**

Owner & Founder - [johnd@example.com](mailto:johnd@example.com)

**Help Tip**

List the members of your professional/advisory support team, including:

- Attorney

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## Advisory Board Members



**John Doe**

Advisory board member - [johnd@example.com](mailto:johnd@example.com)



## Organization Chart

### Help Tip

Develop and include an organization chart. This should include both roles that you've already filled and roles you plan to fill in the future.

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## Hiring Plan

### Help Tip

Explain how you plan to fill in any gaps in management and/or experience. For instance, if you lack financial know-how, will you hire a CFO or retain an accountant? If you don't have sales skills, will you hire an in-house sales manager or use outside sales rep

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## Professional Services

### Help Tip

Many of today's businesses hire professional services or consultants, like custom operators, accountants, tax prepares, and veterinarians. Professional services could include accounting, marketing, financial planning, crop scouting, nutrition, etc. If you use c

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# 11.

## Funding

Funding Goal

Terms

Use of Funds

Milestones

Why Invest? / Conclusion



## REMEMBER

Chances are you're shopping your business plan around to secure capital for your project. If that's the case, don't forget to actually ask for the one thing you set out to achieve!

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## Funding Goal

### Help Tip

- How much funding do you need to move forward with your goals?
- How did you arrive at this figure?

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## Terms

### Help Tip

What will investors get in exchange for their investment in your company?

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## Use of Funds

### Help Tip

How will you use the funding that you secure from investors? Provide a very basic breakdown, either by amounts or by percentages, of how you plan to allocate the funds you receive. For example:

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# Milestones


What key milestones will you and your company be able to achieve with the help of this funding?

Date	Milestone
[Date 1]	[Name]
[Date 2]	[Name]
[Date 3]	[Name]
[Date 4]	[Name]
[Date 5]	[Name]

## Why Invest? / Conclusion

### Help Tip

Wrap up your Funding section with by driving home why investors should get involved with your company.

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# 12.

## Financial Plan

Financial Position

Historical Performance

Income Statement

Cashflow

Balance Sheet

Break-Even Analysis

Capital Request



## REMEMBER

At last, we've arrived at everybody's least favorite section of the business plan: **Financials!**

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### Projected Revenue Data

Here you can embed your projected revenue data from financial forecasting.

### Projected Expense Data

Here you can embed your projected expenses data from financial forecasting.

### Projected Personnel Data

Here you can embed your projected personnel (employees) data from financial forecasting.

### Projected Funding Data

Here you can embed your projected funding data from financial forecasting.

## Financial Position

### Help Tip

The financial position of your business communicates the financial resources you have available and your ability to withstand future risks. Your financial position can be evaluated in terms of the solvency and liquidity position of your business.

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# Historical Performance

## Help Tip

Historical performance is considered a good indicator of future performance. Document key financial and production measures from the past three to five years and show the trends for yields, production levels, net income, and other key measures.

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## Income Statement

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Cost Of Sales</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
General Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue Specific Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel Costs (Direct Labor)	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Gross Margin</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Gross Margin (%)</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Payroll Expense (Indirect Labor)	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bad Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0
Amortization of Current Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Additional Expense</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Long Term Depreciation	\$0	\$0	\$0
Gain or loss from Sale of Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
EBIT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0
EBT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Income Tax Expense / Benefit	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Net Income (%)</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
Retained Earning Opening	\$0	\$0	\$0
Owner's Distribution	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Retained Earning Closing</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Cashflow

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
<b>Cash Received</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>



	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
<b>Cash Paid</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
COS & General Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salary & Wages	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sales Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0
Income Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Cash From Operations</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Assets Sell	\$0	\$0	\$0
Assets Purchase	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Cash From Investments</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Amount Received</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Loan Received	\$0	\$0	\$0
Common Stock			
Preferred Stock	\$0	\$0	\$0
Owner's Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Loan Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dividends & Distributions	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Cash From Financing</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Summary</b>			
Starting Cash	\$0	\$0	\$0

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Cash In	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cash Out	\$0	\$0	\$0
Change in Cash	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Ending Cash</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Balance Sheet


	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
<b>Assets</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Cash	\$0	\$0	\$0
Accounts Receivable	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inventory	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Current Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Long Term Assets</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Gross Long Term Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
Accumulated Depreciation	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0
Income Tax Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sales Tax Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0
Short Term Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Long Term Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Equity</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Paid-in Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0
Common Stock	\$0	\$0	\$0
Preferred Stock	\$0	\$0	\$0
Owner's Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0
Retained Earnings	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Check</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Break-Even Analysis

### Help Tip

Just like it sounds, your break-even analysis helps you determine when your total revenue equals your total expenses. In other words, your break-even point. Total profit here equals 0.


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## Capital Request

### Help Tip

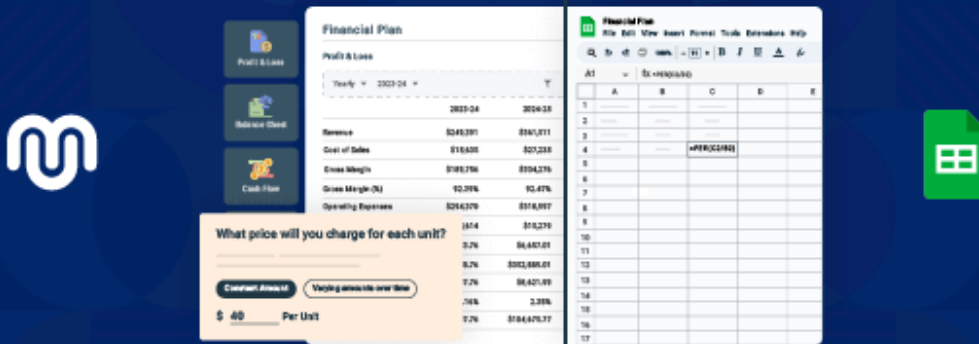
The most common reason for developing a business plan is to present your ideas for a new or expanded business to investors or lenders. They want to know how much money you need and the purpose for which you need it. Use this section to communicate your

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	2023-24	2024-25
Revenue	\$241,291	\$181,811
Cost of Sales	\$16,620	\$27,233
Gross Margin	\$191,756	\$154,276
Gross Margin (%)	79.5%	85.4%
Operating Expenses	\$214,379	\$118,987
	104	\$1,279
	0.2%	\$6,687.01
	0.2%	\$102,888.01
	0.2%	\$6,621.89
	0.6%	2,386
	0.2%	\$184,670.77

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