

Fannin County Small Business Resources

Score: Free mentoring that connect small business owners and entrepreneurs with volunteer expert business mentors.

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Example assistance: business plan guidance, increasing profit, improving customer satisfaction, achieving work/life balance

Small Business Development Center:
Advisors provide aspiring and current small business owners a variety of free business consulting and low-cost training services to assist with growth and success.

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Example assistance: Marketing plan and target markets, sales and pricing strategies, financial packaging and lending assistance, market research

Georgia Department of Economic Development: Existing Georgia companies who want to expand and grow can find free on-the-ground support from this team of multi-industry experts.

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Example assistance: Site selection, financing options, workforce recruiting, GA Tax credits and exemptions

GA Department of Labor Career Service Center

Office: 706-632-2033
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Example assistance: Labor market, recruiting new employees, tax credits and incentives

Gap Financing Program – Fannin County Development Authority

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Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs (ACE)

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Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Loan Programs

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