



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.

Matt Pearce, Business Consultant

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

GA Department of Labor:

Local Office: 706-632-2033

Website: <http://dol.georgia.gov/>

Example assistance: Labor market information, recruiting new employees, job fairs, tax credits and incentives

*To request tax credit and incentive information, please reach out to the FCDA director, Christie Arp, who will put you in touch with the correct contact at GDOL.

Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs

(ACE): A non-profit organization that provides loans and business development resources to help its borrowers create and grow sustainable businesses which generate jobs.

Courtney Lynn, North Georgia Loan Officer

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Georgia Cities Foundation: The Foundation assists cities in their community development efforts to revitalize and enhance underserved downtown areas, by serving as a partner and facilitator in funding capital projects, and by providing training and technical assistance.

Chris Higdon, Manager

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<http://www.georgiacitiesfoundation.org/Home.aspx>

Example assistance: Loans are provided to downtown businesses for up to \$250,000. The interest rate is below market rate, and repayment period is normally 10 years, not to exceed 15 years.

Eligible Projects:

- Real estate acquisition
- Building rehabilitation
- New construction
- Green space and parks

Fannin County Development Authority – Christie Arp, Executive Director

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