



## 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.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Office: 706-622-2006

Email: rome@georgiasbdc.org

Other resources are available at: [www.romesbdc.org](http://www.romesbdc.org)

**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.

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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.

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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

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