



Small Business Resources

Madera County Economic Development Commission

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www.maderacountyedc.com

The Madera County Economic Development Commission (EDC) provides various services for businesses located within Madera County. EDC is authorized to provide gap funding in the form of long and short term financing, which includes: fixed asset financing for existing businesses, and working capital for new and existing businesses through the Madera County Small Business Loan Program.

This program is funded primarily through the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Funding from the program can be for working capital, inventory purchase, equipment or machinery purchase, real estate purchase, and leasehold improvements. Terms and interest rate are set on a case-by-case basis, and are based on the asset being financed. This funding is primarily focused on job creation. Specific job creation requirements are a condition of funding. All loans require EDC Loan Advisory Committee approval as well as additional approval from the State CDBG program.

The EDC also offers referral assistance to businesses in need of financing. Other sources include: The California Communities Industrial Development Bonds, The Recycling Market Development Zone Program, USDA's Business and Industry Loan Guaranty Program, and The California Economic Development Lending Initiative. To learn more about the Small Business Loan Program or for a referral to other financing sources contact the EDC.

U.S. Small Business Administration

Fresno District Office
2719 North Air Fresno Drive, Suite 200
Fresno, CA 93727
Phone: (559) 487-5791
www.sba.gov

The Fresno SBA District Office offers business assistance including:

- Free counseling, advice and information on starting a business are available through our Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE).
- Bank and non-bank lenders seek to provide financial assistance to new or existing businesses through SBA's guaranteed loans.
- A Women's Business Ownership Representative is available to advise women business owners.
- Special loan programs are available for businesses involved in international trade.
- The 8(a) Business Development Program is available to businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.
- Business startup guide: http://www.sba.gov/starting_business/startup/guide.html

Fresno SBA Workshops Include:

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| • Idea Feasibility Workshop | • Basic & Advanced Quick Book | • Setting Up Bookkeeping |
| • Business Basics | • Intro to Government Contracting | • Financing Options |
| • Import Export Seminar | • Start Your Own Business | • Effective Time Management |

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- Promoting Your Business

Central California Small Business Development Center

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Phone: (559) 275-1223
www.ccsbdc.org

Services include: free consulting assistance with business plans, websites and publications, online training, one to one business consulting, training opportunities and small fee business seminars, are just a few.

Valley Small Business Development Corp.

7035 N. Fruit Ave
Fresno, CA 93711
Phone: (559) 438-9680
www.vsbdc.com

Business startup assistance, small business financing, certified CDFI.

Craig School of Business, California State University, Fresno

The University Business Center

Peters Business Bldg. 182
Phone: (559) 278-2352

Accelerator Online

www.acceleratoronline.com

Accelerator Online is a nine-week business plan development course. The course and homework assignments are designed to give you a complete business plan. The program offers complete, online support from experienced consultants who can answer your questions and guide you through each component. Accelerator Online is offered in English and Spanish.

Central Valley Business Incubator, Inc.

2555 Clovis Ave
Clovis, California 93612
Phone: (559) 292-9033
www.cvbi.org

ōThe Central Valley Business Incubator is a program unlike any other in the Valley. Designed to stimulate economic growth and create jobs for the Central Valley, CVBI offers business support and state-of-the-art physical resources to ensure the success of local start-up companies.ö

The Small Business Institute

www.busplan.cc

Online business plan guide, sample business plans online, permits and license information, and additional links for business development.

NOLO: Law For All

www.nolo.com

Business development and legal information, small business information for starting a business, choosing a business structure, writing a business plan and more.