

# BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS



The City of Saint Paul's Department of Planning & Economic Development (PED) staff can help connect you to partner organizations that offer expertise in numerous areas. The following organizations can provide you with resources and information on how to start a business, government contracting opportunities, and other varied services. Contact the organizations below or contact PED to get started!

**651-266-6600 | [BusinessResources@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:BusinessResources@ci.stpaul.mn.us)**

Organization	Contact	Description	Services	Languages
African Development Center	info@adcmnnesota.org 612.333.4722	Guides African immigrants and refugees to economic prosperity	\$ i ✓	English, Somali, Swahili
African Economic Development Solutions (AEDS)	651.646.9411 info@aeds-mn.org	Builds wealth within communities of Black heritage through economic development activities	\$ i	English, Oromo, Somali, Swahili, Amharic, Tigrinya
Asian Economic Development Association (AEDA)	651.222.7798 info@aeda-mn.org	Expands opportunities for economic success for low-income Asian Americans	\$ i	English, Hmong, Lao, Vietnamese, Thai, Spanish
City of Saint Paul: Human Rights & Equal Economic Opportunity (HREEO)	651.266.8900	Facilitates CERT certification for woman, minority-owned businesses to do government contract work	i !	English
Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES)	651.379.4200 info@clues.org	Programs and services connect families to resources for people to be empowered	\$ i ✓	English, Spanish
CRF Connect2Capital	612.305.2052 maddie@crfusa.com	Helps small, for-profit businesses access the funds they need to grow and create jobs	\$	English
East Side Neighborhood Development Coporation, Inc.	651.288.8744 adejoy@esndc.org	Engaging the community to create affordable housing and support commercial development	\$ i	English
GREATER MSP	651.287.1300 info@greatermsp.org	Provides economic development services to accelerate job growth and capital investment	\$ i	English
Latino Economic Development Center	612.724.5332	Transforms community by creating economic opportunity for Latinos	\$ i !	English, Spanish
Metropolitan Economic Development Association (MEDA)	612.332.6332 info@meda.net	Business services for minority entrepreneurs	\$ i ✓	English
Milestone Growth Fund	612.338.0090 inquirygmt@milestonegrowth.com	Long-term financing for minority entrepreneurs	\$ i	English
Minnesota Business Finance Corp	612.746.6905 mmueller@mbfc.org	Provides loans for small businesses	\$	English
Minnesota Small Business Assistance Office	651.556.8425 deed.mnsbao@state.mn.us	Financial assistance, counseling, assistance for small business owners	\$ i	English
Model Cities	651.632.8343 bohawkins@modelcities.org	Carries out community-based development that contributes to revitalization of urban communities	\$	English
Neighborhood Development Center (NDC)	651.291.2480	Provides training, lending, business services and incubator spaces to local entrepreneurs.	\$ i !	English, Spanish, Hmong, Somali, Arabic, Oromo
Non-Profits Assistance Fund	612.278.7180	Invests capital and expertise in nonprofits	\$ i	English
North East Neighborhoods Development Corporation	651.771.6955 info@nendc.org	Improves economic conditions for area residents and businesses	\$ i	English, Hmong
Saint Paul Port Authority	651.224.5686 info@sppa.com	Economic development services to attract/retain jobs, with a focus on industrial business	\$ i	English
Ramsey County Workforce Center	651.642.0363	Helps businesses find and train workers, provides business-related data	i	English
U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)	612.370.2324 minneapolis.mn@sba.gov	Works to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns	\$ i	English, Spanish
University of Minnesota Office for Business & Community Economic Development	612.624.0530 bcded@umn.edu	Pairs graduate students with businesses to assist with development	i !	English
University of St. Thomas Small Business Development Center	651.962.4500 mpryan@stthomas.edu	Free business consulting services for small businesses	i	English
WomenVenture	651.646.3808 info@womenventure.org	Provides women with tools to achieve economic success through small business ownership	\$ i !	English



Loans & financial counseling



General technical information/services



Business planning



Skills training/workforce development



Facade improvements



Marketing



Tax preparation/information