

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION

# Business Resource Guide



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## Introduction

Thank you for considering Raleigh for opening, operating, and expanding your business. Like other municipalities in North Carolina, Raleigh enjoys an abundance of diverse talent, serving as an educational center for the region which offers opportunities to equip you and your team with the right skills to be successful. We also have a diverse economy thriving on innovation and small business entrepreneurship. But Raleigh isn't like everywhere else. Our downtown has a mosaic of residents and businesses supported by numerous events, activities, hospitality centers, and even a Sip n' Stroll Social District. Across the entire city, there is a constellation of full-service coworking and maker spaces, business alliances, and entrepreneurial support organizations. This fiercely collaborative small business and entrepreneurial support ecosystem sets us apart and creates the heart and soul of Raleigh, making us Uniquely Raleigh.

This Business Resource Guide has been created to help you better find the support beneficial for your business. We understand that starting and/or expanding a business is one of the most challenging yet rewarding endeavors in life. We strive to ensure that an array of resources are available to meet your diverse needs and advance equity in the business community. We are committed to establishing and advancing an equitable community for all. Thanks to people like you there is a Raleigh for everyone.

Think of this Business Resource Guide as a "one stop shop" that can connect you to leaders, organizations, capital, tools, training, information, and other resources. Visit the City's website, [raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov), and search Small Business Support to find additional resources, interactive tools, and the most current information.

Finally, a quick word about how the City supports our overall business community. Different types of businesses have different interests and needs. That is why the City of Raleigh has created three specialized teams, to help entrepreneurs, business owners, and support organizations to quickly get to the answers they need.

### Small Business Development

#### Small Business Development and Entrepreneurship

[raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Small Business Support | 919-996-4330

421 Fayetteville Street, Ste 1200

Raleigh, NC 27601

### Strategy and Innovation

#### Innovation, Technology, High Growth and Investor Entrepreneurs

[raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Innovation | 919-996-3070

One Exchange Plaza, 7th Floor Ste 727

Raleigh, NC 27601

### Raleigh Economic Development

#### Corporate Headquarters, Businesses Relocating to the City of Raleigh

[raleighecondev.org](http://raleighecondev.org) | 919-664-7038

800 S. Salisbury Street

Raleigh, NC 27601

Thank you for doing business with the City of Raleigh!

## Start Your Business

Starting a new business requires a great deal of preparation, from creating your business plan, to selecting your business site and everything in between. Business owners face challenges that include navigating the city permitting process, securing financing, deciding how and where to locate or expand, and addressing issues related to attracting and retaining quality employees. The Business Resource Guide is designed to inform and empower new business owners to access the resources they need to be successful. When looking to start a new business, consider the steps below:

### **Step 1: Create a Business Plan**

[sba.gov](https://www.sba.gov) Search: Business Plan | 800-827-5722

Creating a business plan is one of the most important steps you will take because the plan serves as your road map for the early years of your business. The business plan generally projects 3-5 years ahead and outlines the route a company intends to take to reach its yearly milestones, including revenue projections. A well thought out plan also helps you to step-back and think objectively about the key elements of your business venture and informs your decision-making on a regular basis.

You can also use your completed business plan to discuss next steps with a mentor or counselor from an SBA resource partner such as SCORE ([raleigh.score.org](https://raleigh.score.org)), a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) or a Women's Business Center (WBC) ([sba.gov/local-assistance](https://sba.gov/local-assistance)).

### **Step 2: Decide on your business structure and register your business name**

Before selecting a business structure, consult your attorney and/or accountant as each structure carries with it unique legal and tax consequences.

Your business must be registered. It's a good idea to perform a name search online or in office to determine if the proposed business name has already been filed. If you've organized as an LLC register with the N.C. Secretary of State. Corporations also register with North Carolina as well.

### **Step 3: Get license requirements**

The City of Raleigh does not require a business license to operate a business within Raleigh City limits. Depending on the nature of your new business, federal, state, and local licenses and permits may be required. In most areas, there are zoning restrictions that may prevent you from operating a business from a particular location including your home. You'll find more information under [Doing Business in Raleigh](#).

### **Step 4: Obtain the necessary tax information.**

You'll need an EIN (Employee Identification Number) if you will be hiring employees, forming a partnership, or corporation. Read more about EINs at [irs.gov](https://irs.gov) search: EIN and apply online for yours with the IRS.

To collect sales and use taxes, you'll need to register with the N.C. Department of Revenue. You will receive information from the Department of Revenue on sales and use tax reporting and remittance requirements.

### **Step 5: Identify sources of financing**

Small business owners in North Carolina have financial resources available at the federal level and right here in North Carolina.

**Step 6: Learn about employer reporting requirements and responsibilities.**

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Consult with an accountant for bookkeeping and tax purposes.
- Obtain insurance.
- Review contracts with legal counsel.
- Review applicable regulations (OSHA, EPA, Labor, etc.).
- Register trademarks or patents.
- Develop policy and employee handbook.
- Join trade associations, chambers of commerce, or other professional organizations and connectors.

## Doing Business in Raleigh Licenses & Permit

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Depending on the size of your business, it may be best to consult with an attorney before getting started.

- To find out what is required, contact the town(s) that you plan to operate in to see what their licensing requirements are. If you plan to conduct business within the Raleigh City Limits, contact Revenue Services at 919-996-3200 for more information.
- For information concerning Wake County's requirements related to your business, contact the Wake County Revenue Department at 919-856-5400.
- To find out what state licenses and permits are required, contact EDPNC Small Business Advisors at 800-228-8443.

Any business that sells Beer or Wine within the Raleigh City limits must obtain a Beer/Wine License ([Schedule V in Business License application](#)) before selling any alcoholic beverages.

- Businesses must **FIRST** obtain Temporary Permits from the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.
- Beer/Wine Licenses must be renewed prior to **April 30** each year.
- Be sure to contact the Planning and Development Department at 919-996-2495 or email [ds.help@raleighnc.gov](mailto:ds.help@raleighnc.gov) to assure that the sale of alcoholic beverages is allowed at your business location. You can also find additional information online at [raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Business License.

The City of Raleigh also requires regulatory licenses or permits for some business activities. These include:

- **Pawn Brokers License:** Any person, firm, or corporation that is engaged in the business of lending money on the security of pledged goods and who may also purchase merchandise for resale from dealers and traders must obtain a Pawn Brokers License. [raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Pawnbrokers License

### *Hospitality Program Permits*

The Office of Emergency Management and Special Events oversees the permitting process for private use of public spaces, outdoor seating, is a liaison to the nightlife industry to ensure a more vibrant and safe community and manages projects of high consequence and public significance requiring coordination with internal and external stakeholders.

#### **City of Raleigh: Office of Emergency Management and Special Events**

Raleigh Municipal Building  
222 W Hargett Street, Suite 307  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
919-996-2200

[hospitality.programs@raleighnc.gov](mailto:hospitality.programs@raleighnc.gov)

- **Outdoor Seating:** Outdoor seating allows activation of public streets, sidewalks and plazas by providing pedestrian amenities, supporting local businesses and fostering community interactions. Any business interested in seating on the public right-of-way must obtain a Sidewalk Seating Permit and/or a Streeterly Permit. [raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Outdoor Seating
- **Amplified Entertainment:** Amplified entertainment means any type of music or other entertainment played through and by an electronic system above ambient noise levels. Restaurants, bars, nightclubs, music venues and other performance spaces who play any type of amplified music or entertainment (live performances, musicians, DJs, and more) must obtain an Amplified Entertainment Permit or Hospitality District Entertainment Permit (location specific). [raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Amplified Entertainment

- **Pushcart Vending:** A Pushcart Vending Permit allows the operation of a mobile vending unit on City sidewalks. In order to sell, serve or give away food and/or beverage on a pushcart in the public right-of-way, this permit must be obtained. [raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Pushcart
- **Street Performers:** Street performers are defined as any person or small group who conduct performances, such as playing live music, for entertainment purposes or voluntary donations on City sidewalks. Such use of the public right-of-way requires performers to obtain a Street Performer Permit. [raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Street Performer
- **Newsrack:** A newsrack is defined as a self-service container used for the distribution of printed material. To place a publication's standalone newsrack on City sidewalk or use a cubby in the Fayetteville Street modular kiosks, a Newsrack Permit must be obtained. [raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Newsrack
- **Sip n' Stroll:** Sip n' Stroll is Raleigh's social district, a designated area where alcoholic beverages can be purchased from a licensed ABC permittee and consumed outdoors. Currently, Sip n' Stroll Downtown is the City's only social district. If you are a business in this area, visit the Sip n Stroll website to opt-in or opt-out. [raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Social District

## Signage

[raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Signs | 919-996-2495

Permits are required for all outdoor signs except directional signs, such as exit and entrance signs, and informational signs, such as signs designating restrooms and phones. A Sign Permit is required any time a business wants to display signage or hold an event that includes advertising visible from the public right-of-way.

Sign Permits are required for:

- Permanent signs
- Ground and tract identification signs
- Signs erected on parapet walls
- Awning signs
- Signs in shopping centers or at multi-tenant buildings
- Internally illuminated signs
- Special events signs

## Permitted Business Uses by Zoning District

Zoning regulates land use and development, and all properties in Raleigh are mapped with one or more zoning categories. If you are starting a business, you need to verify that the zoning permits you to operate your business legally on the property. If you operate in a zoning district where your type of business is not permitted, you will be in violation of the City of Raleigh Code of Ordinances and may be fined and required to cease operation.

It is recommended that you do your due diligence by contacting zoning staff on the front end to discuss any requirements. Persons wishing to open a business on a property that is not zoned for the proposed use have the option of petitioning the City for a rezoning. Questions regarding zoning and rezoning can be directed to Planning and Development at 919-996-2682. Additional information about the rezoning process and associated cost are available online at: [raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Rezoning

## Businesses in Residential Zones

The City permits you to run a business out of your home as either a Home Occupation or Live-Work accessory use.

A Home Occupation does not allow non-resident employees or customers to visit the premises. There can also be no change to the outward appearance of the home, including signage, and the use may occupy no more than 25% of the dwelling. While no permit is needed to establish a Home Occupation, you are required to adhere to all rules as set forth in Section 6.7.3.D. of the Unified Development Ordinance.

By contrast, Live Work permits up to two (2) non-resident employees and up to five (5) customers to be on the premises at any one time. In addition, changes to the exterior of the home and limited signage are allowed. A Miscellaneous Zoning Permit is needed to establish a Live Work accessory use. More information, including a list of allowable uses, can be found in Section 6.7.3.F. of the Unified Development Ordinance.

## ***Businesses in Mixed-Use and Non-Residential Zones***

[raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Zoning and Rezoning | 919-996-2682

There are several different zoning districts which permit businesses. These include Legacy Zoning Districts, Overlay Districts and UDO Zoning Districts.

## **Site & Building Selection**

The following resources are provided to help you with site and building selection for your business. We highly recommend consulting a Real Estate broker, but additional help might be available if you fall within a [Business Alliance](#) District.

### **Raleigh Economic Development**

800 S. Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
919-664-7038  
[raleighecondev.org](http://raleighecondev.org)

### **City of Raleigh**

Small Business Development  
One City Plaza, 12th Floor Suite 1200  
421 Fayetteville St.  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
919-996-4330  
[raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Site Selection

### **Wake County Department of Planning, Land Use, and Zoning**

336 Fayetteville St.  
Raleigh, N.C. 27601  
919-856-6310  
[wakegov.com](http://wakegov.com) Search: Planning

### **Wake County Economic Development**

800 South Salisbury St. Raleigh, N.C. 27602  
919-664-7000  
[raleigh-wake.org](http://raleigh-wake.org)

## **Community & Small Business Development**

[raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Small Business Support | 919-996-4330

Provides professional and timely services to promote business activity and enhance the quality of life in Raleigh.

### ***Building Up-Fit Grant***

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### **City of Raleigh - Small Business Development**

One City Plaza, 12th Floor Suite 1200  
421 Fayetteville St.  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
919-996-6959  
[carl.brooksii@raleighnc.gov](mailto:carl.brooksii@raleighnc.gov)

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## Office Of Strategy & Innovation

### *Impact Partner Grant*

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## Climate Action, Equity, And Transit Considerations:

### *Commute Smart Raleigh*

[raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Commute Smart | 919-996-3030

Commute Smart Raleigh offers easy solutions to alleviate traffic congestion and employee stress, by moving more people in fewer vehicles. Commute Smart Consultants provide advice and assistance on how to increase the use of transportation options such as walking, biking, transit, carpooling, vanpooling, teleworking, creative work schedules, and parking cash-out. Implementing a Commute Smart Program can:

- Increase employee satisfaction
- Reduce the demand for parking
- Reduce tardiness and absenteeism
- Reduce employee stress
- Enhance recruitment and retention
- Enhance your public image

## Minority And Women-Owned Business Enterprises

[raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: MWBE | 919-996-4330

The Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) Program advocates actions, which increases opportunities for historically underutilized businesses and promotes diversity and inclusion in City of Raleigh contracting.

### *Sustainable Business Toolkit*

[raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Sustainable Toolkit | 919-996-4256

The Raleigh Sustainable Business Toolkit is a compact collection of resources and support programs to help Raleigh businesses:

- Reach or set new sustainability goals and help our city met the goals in the Community Climate Action Plan
- Save money
- Become more efficient
- Be recognized as a sustainable business by your staff and customers

The Toolkit includes a range of resources, from solar panel installation to employee commute options for businesses small or large.

## Access To Capital

After planning your business, you will need to find a way to fund your business expenses. There are a variety of sources for raising money, including grants, loans, family & friends, venture capital, crowdfunding, and military retirement benefits. North Carolina is home to several Community Development Financial Institutions, also known as CDFIs. CDFIs serve to help empower underserved communities and help people who traditionally do not have access to financing.

Capital sources include:

- Commercial Banks
- Public Agencies
- Non-bank financing sources
- Venture capital, angel investors, and other equity financing options are available. Networks are available that offer access to the various options in equity financing. For a more detailed list of venture funds, angel investors, and equity financing, visit the Office of Strategy & Innovation's website at [raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Innovation.
- Incentives
- Technical assistance organizations

ORGANIZATION	REFERRALS	LOANS	COACHING/ ADVISING	TECH ASSIST	SMALL BUSINESS	MWBE	VETERAN	GRANTS	CDFI
CAROLINA COMMUNITY		X	X		X	X			X
CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CORNER SQUARE COMMUNITY CAPITAL	X	X			X	X			
INSTITUTE CAPITAL		X			X	X			X
LAUNCH RALEIGH	X	X	X	X	X	X			
NC RURAL CENTER	X	X			X	X			
OPERATION HOPE	X	X	X		X	X			
SELF-HELP CREDIT UNION		X			X	X			X
US SMALL BUSINESS ADMIN. (SBA)	X	X			X	X	X		
THREAD CAPITAL		X	X		X	X			X

For more information about grants and financial incentive programs available through the City of Raleigh, Wake County, and the State of North Carolina, refer to the section on [Grant & Other Financial Programs](#).

For more information on capital opportunities, check out the "How to Fund Your Business" guide provided by the SBTDC.

The Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC) publishes the Capital Opportunities for Small Businesses Guide. This comprehensive financing resource describes all the funding options available to North Carolina companies and startups. This continuously updated 135-page guide also has contact information to learn more about each funding opportunity.

[sbtdc.org](http://sbtdc.org) Search: Capital Opportunities | 919-715-7272 (Main) 919-513-1500 (Wake County)

## Business Alliances

[raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Business Alliances | 919-996-4330

The City partners with several leading organizations across Raleigh to foster entrepreneurship and innovation while contributing to Raleigh's vibrant business community. Our business alliances allow businesses to connect and engage with an ecosystem of other businesses to help fuel growth.

Business Alliances are organizations who focus on the success of small business owners. No two are alike, but all have a passion for local independent businesses. Common services offered by Business Alliance Organizations include:

- Vendor event and listings in directories
- Promotion, marketing and advertising
- Networking, partnership and training opportunities
- Research, planning and advocacy

These alliances are grouped by three general types:

- **District-Based:** These organizations support a defined territory inside the City of Raleigh. Examples include Downtown Raleigh Alliance, Hillsborough Street Community Service Corp, and Glenwood South Neighborhood Collective.
- **City-Wide Support:** These organizations cater to businesses across the City of Raleigh. Examples include the Black Dollar, Harmony, Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, Shop Local Raleigh, etc.

ORGANIZATION	BUSINESS INFO	SMALL BUSI-NESS	MWBE	START-UP ASSISTANCE	NETWORKING ACTIVITIES	EDUCATION/
BLACK DOLLAR	X	X	X	X	X	
BLUE RIDGE CORRIDOR ALLIANCE	X	X			X	X
DOWNTOWN RALEIGH ALLIANCE	X	X	X	X	X	
FIVE POINTS BUSINESS DISTRICT		X				
GLENWOOD SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COLLABORATIVE	X	X			X	
GREAT RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	X	X	X	X	X	X
GREATER RALEIGH CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU	X					
HARMONY NC LGBT+ ALLIED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	X	X			X	X
HILLSBOROUGH STREET COMMUNITY SERVICE CORPORATION	X	X			X	

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>BUSINESS INFO</b>	<b>SMALL BUSI- NESS</b>	<b>MWBE</b>	<b>START-UP ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>NETWORKING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>EDUCATION/</b>
<b>MIDTOWN RALEIGH ALLIANCE</b>	X	X		X	X	
<b>PROSPERA</b>	X	X	X			X
<b>SHOP LOCAL RALEIGH</b>	X	X		X	X	X
<b>TRIANGLE ARTWORKS</b>	X	X				X
<b>VILLAGE DISTRICT MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION</b>	X	X			X	

## Entrepreneurial Innovation Program

The City believes in the power of innovation and collaboration and looks forward to working with you to catalyze Raleigh’s inclusive and innovative community. The Office of Strategy and Innovation boldly reshapes strategy and supports ongoing cycles of continuous improvement for greater service delivery by collecting and connecting talent to spark new ideas.

The Office leads city strategy and transformative projects like Bloomberg Challenges, Big Ideas, and Smart Cities initiatives. It also performs legislative and policy analysis and maps the organization’s vision and values in a way that creates innovative solutions.

### Impact Partners

[raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Impact Partner Grant

An Impact Partner is a critical stakeholder within the community that ensures and contributes to the success of a healthy, sustainable, and vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem. These organizations have received funding from the Impact Partner Grant to execute programs and resources that help underrepresented innovators, entrepreneurs, and small businesses to start, stay, and grow in Raleigh.

ORGANIZATION	INCUBATOR	ACCELERATOR	OFFICE/ COWORKING SPACE	START -UP	IMPACT PARTNERS	VETERAN	MWBE	BUSINESS CONNECTIVITY
THE AMALGATION					X		X	X
ANDREWS LAUNCH ACCELERATOR (NC STATE)		X						
BLDG CO.			X					
BUNKER LABS		X				X		
DISTRICT C					X			
GRO (BY COUNCIL OF ENTRE. DEVELOPMENT)		X						
EGAMES				X				
FIRST FLIGHT VENTERS	X	X	X					
FIRST WAVE			X		X			X
FYSO ACCELERATOR		X						
HARMONY NC LGBT+ ALLIED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE			X					
INDUSTRIOUS RALEIGH			X					
INNOVATE RALEIGH					X			X

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INTELLIGENT OFFICE								
LAUNCH RALEIGH		X						
LOADING DOCK RALEIGH			X					
THE LOCALITY			X					
NC BIOTECH CENTER				X				
NC CENTER OF INNOVATION NETWORK								X
NC IDEA				X			X	
NEST RALEIGH			X					
OFFICE EVOLUTION			X					
OFFICES.NET			X					
PINKUBATOR			X		X			
PROSPERA					X		X	X
RALEIGH FOUNDED			X					
RIOT LABS			X		X			
SHAW INNOVATION & ENTRE. CENTER							X	X
SPACES			X					
TECH TALENT SOUTH					X			X
TRIANGLE ARTWORKS					X			X
WAKE COUNTY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC VITALITY					X			
WE WORK			X					
WRIGHT VILLAGE			X					

## Grants & Other Financial Programs City of Raleigh

### *Building Up-fit Grant*

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### *Downtown Raleigh Alliance Storefront Upfit Grant*

The goal of this program is to incentivize and attract new retail, restaurant, and service businesses, aid in the expansion of existing retail businesses, direct support to strategic areas, accommodate pop-up uses that may convert to long-term tenants, better support Minority- and Women-owned businesses, and ultimately drive a healthy and strong storefront economy in Downtown Raleigh.

#### **Downtown Raleigh Alliance**

333 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1150  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
919-821-6988  
[willgaskins@downtownraleigh.org](mailto:willgaskins@downtownraleigh.org)

## State of North Carolina *Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG)*

The Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG) is a performance-based, discretionary incentive program that provides cash grants directly to new and expanding companies to help offset the cost of locating or expanding a facility in the state of North Carolina. The amount of the grant is based on a percentage of the personal income tax withholdings associated with the new jobs. This grant applies for companies that have a hundred or more employees.

**NC Commerce Finance Center**  
301 North Wilmington Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601  
[cfc@nccommerce.com](mailto:cfc@nccommerce.com)

## *One North Carolina Fund*

The One North Carolina Fund (OneNC) is a discretionary cash-grant program that allows the Governor to respond quickly to competitive job-creation projects. Awards are based on the number of jobs created, level of investment, location of the project, economic impact of the project and the importance of the project to the state and region. This grant applies for companies that have a hundred or more employees.

**NC Commerce Finance Center**  
301 North Wilmington Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601  
[cfc@nccommerce.com](mailto:cfc@nccommerce.com)

## *SBIR/STTR Small Business Technology Funding*

The NIH SBIR program funds early stage small businesses that are seeking to commercialize innovative biomedical technologies. This competitive program helps small businesses participate in federal research and development, develop life-saving technologies, and create jobs.

**NC Commerce Finance Center**  
301 North Wilmington Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601  
[cfc@nccommerce.com](mailto:cfc@nccommerce.com)

## Wake County *Business Development Grant*

Wake County's Business Development Grant offers a series of five tiers with investment and job thresholds. Special consideration may be provided for corporate, regional, or Fortune 500 companies' divisional headquarters projects and large international companies.

**Wake County Economic Development**  
800 S Salisbury St, Raleigh, NC 27601  
919.664.7000  
[hello@raleigh-wake.org](mailto:hello@raleigh-wake.org)



## Professional Organizations

Each of these organizations seek to advance a particular trade sector, profession, the interests of individuals engaged in that profession, and ultimately impact businesses by providing access and engagement that can grow your business.

ORGANIZATION	INFORMATION	EVENTS/ NETWORKING	TRAINING CERTIFICATIONS	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
<b>GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b>	X	X		
<b>GREEN RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION</b>	X		X	
<b>HARMONY NC LGBT+ ALLIED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b>	X	X	X	
<b>MANUFACTURED NC</b>	X			
<b>NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN AMERICAN PROFESSIONALS</b>		X		
<b>NC GREENTRAVEL</b>	X		X	X
<b>NC RESTAURANT AND LODGING ASSOCIATION</b>	X	X	X	X
<b>NC TEXTILE CONNECT</b>	X			
<b>RESEARCH TRIANGLE CLEANTECH CLUSTER</b>		X		
<b>SCORE</b>	X	X		X
<b>TRIANGLE ARTWORKS</b>	X	X	X	X

## SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

There is a wealth of resources available to Raleigh businesses to help with technical assistance via workshops, mentorships, classes, training sessions, counseling, and other forms of preparing you to do business in the City of Raleigh.

### **EDPNC Small Business Advisors**

[edpnc.com](http://edpnc.com) Search: Start a Business | 800-228-8443

Economic Development Partners of NC (EDPNC) Small Business Advisors is a free service for anyone seeking to start a small business in North Carolina. Working in partnership with the NC Department of Commerce, they offer one-on-one phone consultations to people interested in starting a business, small business owners in need of general support, and entrepreneurs interested in moving to North Carolina. They can answer questions and help you navigate topics like regulatory requirements, licensing stipulations, small-business training and more.

### **Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC)**

[sbtdc.org](http://sbtdc.org) | 919-715-7272 (Main) 919-513-1500 (Wake County)

The SBTDC is North Carolina's leading resource for growing and developing businesses. The SBTDC service center at NC State University, located in Raleigh, has an experienced business advisory team that offers confidential, in-depth business counseling to mid-sized company business owners and management staff.

#### **Business Start-Up & Resource Guide**

[sbtdc.org](http://sbtdc.org) Search: Start-Up Guide

This free downloadable publication has it all. Assess yourself to see if you have what it takes to be a business owner. Learn how to write a business plan people will read cover to cover. Find the legal structure best suited for you. Check out our list of state and federal resources, including local and state licenses/permits.

#### **"How to Fund Your Business"**

[sbtdc.org](http://sbtdc.org) Search: Capital Opportunities

Did you know most businesses are started primarily with owner financing? If that is not enough money to get your business going, our Capital Opportunities for Small Business Guide is the most comprehensive financing resource describing all the funding options available to North Carolina companies and startups. This continuously updated 135-page guide also has contact information to learn more about each funding opportunity.

### **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**

[sba.gov](http://sba.gov) | 800-827-5722

Since its founding on July 30, 1953, the U.S. Small Business Administration has delivered millions of loans, loan guarantees, contracts, counseling sessions and other forms of assistance to small businesses. SBA helps primarily through its four programmatic functions:

- Access to Capital (Business Financing)
- Entrepreneurial Development (Education, Information, Technical Assistance & Training)
- Government Contracting (Federal Procurement)
- Advocacy (Voice for Small Business)

### **StartUp At Wake Tech**

[waketech.edu](http://waketech.edu) Search: StartUp | 919-335-1019

The Wake Tech Small Business Center (SBC) is a state-funded organization which is part of the Small Business Center Network of North Carolina (SBCN). The SBC provides small business owners with information they need for starting or expanding a small business through confidential, one-on-one counseling along with various seminars, workshops, classes, and access to a resource library at zero cost to the participant.

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>BUSINESS INFO</b>	<b>LEGAL</b>	<b>FINANCIAL</b>	<b>MARKETING</b>	<b>BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>MENTORSHIP</b>	<b>SMALL BUSINESS</b>	<b>MWBE</b>
<b>COUNCIL FOR ENTRE. DEVELOPMENT</b>	X		X			X		
<b>EDPNC SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORS</b>	X		X		X	X	X	
<b>SHAW UNIVERSITY INNOVATION &amp; ENTREPRENEUR CENTER</b>	X		X				X	X
<b>NC RURAL CENTER</b>	X		X				X	
<b>PROSPERA</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>SBTDC</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>SCORE</b>	X			X	X	X	X	
<b>STARTUP AT WAKE TECH (SBC)</b>	X				X	X	X	
<b>TRIANGLE ARTWORKS</b>	X		X	X	X	X	X	
<b>US SMALL BUSINESS ADMIN.</b>	X	X	X	X			X	
<b>WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER</b>	X		X		X	X	X	X

## WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT & TRAINING

We support workforce development programs and initiatives that help companies of all sizes to grow and be competitive in our market – including identifying talent needs. Recruiting, screening, training, and developing talent is key to the success of any business. There are several educational and workforce development agencies in the Raleigh area that help connect businesses with employers.

### ***Capital Area Workforce Development Board***

[capitalareancworks.com](http://capitalareancworks.com)

The mission of the Capital Area Workforce Development Board (CAWD) is to create a highly effective workforce system. This system will provide employers with productive, skilled workers and offer citizens training and employment opportunities that promote job satisfaction and economic stability. CAWD offers a variety of services to businesses, including:

- Recruiting Assistance and Guidance
- Financial Incentive Information
- Rapid Response/Outplacement Assistance
- Seminars and Workshops for Businesses
- On the Job Employee Training
- Incumbent Worker Training
- Hiring Events

Through CAWD, the NCWorks Career Centers also allows employers to search for candidates, post job listings, find and review resumes, and access labor market trends, statistics, and economic and demographic data specific to your area and your industry.

### ***College and University Career Planning and Placement Offices:***

Looking to hire? Raleigh is home to several colleges and universities. Contact their career planning and placement offices for more information on posting to job boards, supporting internships, and more.

**Meredith College** | [meredith.edu](http://meredith.edu) Search: Career Planning | 919-760-8343

**North Carolina State University** | [ncsu.edu](http://ncsu.edu) Search: Career Services | 919-515-2396

**Saint Augustine's University** | [st-aug.edu](http://st-aug.edu) Search: Professional Development | 919-516-4000

**Shaw University** | [shawu.edu](http://shawu.edu) Search: Career Development | 919-278-2673

**William Peace University** | [peace.edu](http://peace.edu) Search: Career Services | 919- 508-2008

**Campbell University – Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law** | [law.campbell.edu](http://law.campbell.edu) Search: Career Center | 919-865-4650

### ***NC Community Colleges Customized Training***

[nccommunitycolleges.edu](http://nccommunitycolleges.edu) Search: Customized Training | 919-807-7100

The Customized Training Program provides education, training and support services for new, expanding and existing business and industry in North Carolina through their network of 58 community colleges, serving all 100 counties of the state.

## ***Raleigh Pathways Center***

[raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) Search: Pathways | 919-996-5730

The Raleigh Pathways Center is a partnership between the City of Raleigh, Capital Area Workforce Development Board and Wake Tech Community College. The Center offers workforce development and programs that help young adults find a career and a clear pathway to success. These programs include:

- Raleigh Summer Youth Employment Program
- Partnership Raleigh
- Digital Inclusion
- IT Training
- Connect to Your Success

## ***Wake County Public School System***

[wcpss.net](http://wcpss.net) Search: Career and Technical Education OR Career Preparation | 919-413-7400

WCPSS has a goal for every student to graduate globally competitive for work and postsecondary education and well prepared for life.

As part of this goal, the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program promotes best practices that enhance teachers' efforts to improve student achievement and encourage responsible career choices. Middle school students are offered exploratory courses in business and information technologies, life skills, technology systems and career decisions. High schools offer introductory courses that are available at grades 9 and 10, with advanced and specialized instruction in 11 and 12. There are agriculture, business and information technology, career development, health occupations, family and consumer sciences, marketing, technology, and trade and industry.

## ***Wake Technical Community College***

[waketech.edu](http://waketech.edu) | Search: Workforce Continuing Education | 919-866-5000

Wake Tech plays an active role in workforce training and lifelong learning for citizens of the Capital area. Their Workforce Continuing Education programs provide courses for those who need to train, retrain, and upgrade skills in a vocational or professional area.

Programs include customized training for corporations and businesses, small business counseling and support, public safety officer training, information technology, vocational training, as well as barbering and cosmetology instruction. Wake Tech also works with those who need to learn English as a second language and those individuals whose education stopped short of high school graduation.

### **WakeWorks Apprenticeship | [waketech.edu](http://waketech.edu) Search: Wake Works | 919-335-1225**

Companies know that skilled workers are critical to their success. WakeWorks® Apprenticeship helps local industry meet their staffing needs. Build your future workforce by developing the talent you need at your place of business. Registered apprentices learn skills from your most seasoned employees, creating a company culture that reduces turnover and fosters loyalty for years to come.

### **Wake Tech's Customized Training Program | [waketech.edu](http://waketech.edu) Search: Customized Training | [ctp@waketech.edu](mailto:ctp@waketech.edu)**

Wake Tech's Customized Training Program provides training assistance that supports full-time production and direct customer service positions created in North Carolina. Via this program, the growth potential of eligible NC companies is enhanced while simultaneously preparing North Carolina's workforce with skills essential for successful employment in emerging industries.

**Wake Tech Propel | [waketech.edu](http://waketech.edu) Search: Propel | [wceresources@waketech.edu](mailto:wceresources@waketech.edu)**

Propel is a new training initiative to assist residents with job transition and economic recovery. Funded by the Governor's Emergency Education Relief program, Propel offers scholarship awards of up to \$750 for accelerated non-degree Workforce Continuing Education courses leading to industry-recognized or state credentials for high-demand jobs in five career fields. Most of the courses can be completed in 3 to 6 months.

ORGANIZATION	INFORMATION/ CONNECTION	TRAINING	RECRUITING	CERTIFICATIONS	SMALL BUSINESS	EDUCATION/
CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY – SCHOOL OF LAW			X			
CAPITAL AREA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	X	X	X	X	X	X
CUSTOMIZED TRAINING PROGRAM (NC COMMUNITY COLLEGES)	X	X	X		X	
MEREDITH COLLEGE			X			
NC CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY CENTER		X		X		
RALEIGH PATHWAYS CENTER	X	X		X	X	
SAINT AUGUSTINE'S UNIVERSITY			X			
SHAW UNIVERSITY			X			
SKEMA BUSINESS SCHOOL		X		X		
WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS		X	X			
WAKE TECH	X	X	X		X	
WILLIAM PEACE UNIVERSITY			X	X		

## DIRECTORY OF SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

### A

#### The Amalgamation

Website: [the-amalgamation.com](http://the-amalgamation.com)

#### Andrews Launch Accelerator (NC State)

1017 Main Campus Drive, Ste 1650

Raleigh, NC 27606

Tel: 919-513-3676

Email: [entrepreneurship@ncsu.edu](mailto:entrepreneurship@ncsu.edu)

Website: [entrepreneurship.ncsu.edu](http://entrepreneurship.ncsu.edu)

Search: Accelerator

### B

#### Black Dollar

Tel: 919-283-9630

Website: [blackdollar.ninja](http://blackdollar.ninja)

#### BLDG Co.

706 Mountford Avenue

Raleigh, NC 27603

Email: [info@bldg-co.com](mailto:info@bldg-co.com)

Website: [bldg-co.com](http://bldg-co.com)

#### Blue Ridge Corridor Alliance

2416 Hillsborough Street

Raleigh, NC 27607

Tel: 919-800-0135

Website: [brcalliance.org](http://brcalliance.org)

#### Bunker Labs

Email: [raleigh.durham@bunkerlabs.org](mailto:raleigh.durham@bunkerlabs.org)

Website:

[bunkerlabs.org/raleigh-durham](http://bunkerlabs.org/raleigh-durham)

### C

#### Campbell University

Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law

225 Hillsborough Street

Raleigh, NC 27603

Tel: 919-865-4650

Website: [law.campbell.edu](http://law.campbell.edu)

Search: Career Center

#### Capital Area Workforce Development Board

5942 Six Forks Road

Raleigh, NC 27609

Tel: 919-856-6040

Website: [capitalareancworks.com](http://capitalareancworks.com)

#### Carolina Community Impact

3700 Barrett Drive

Raleigh, NC 276069

Tel: 919-785-0718

Website: [ccifund.org](http://ccifund.org)

#### Carolina Small Business Development Fund

Headquarters Office

3128 Highwoods Blvd, Suite 170

Raleigh, NC 27604

Tel: 919-803-1437

Website: [carolinasmallbusiness.org](http://carolinasmallbusiness.org)

#### CornerSquare Community Capital

4021 Carya Drive

Raleigh, NC 27610

Tel: 919-250-4314

Website: [cornersquare.org](http://cornersquare.org)

#### Council For Entrepreneurial

Development

600 Park Offices Drive, Suite 100

Research Triangle, NC 27709

Tel: 919-549-7500

Website: [cednc.org](http://cednc.org)

### D

#### District C

Website:

[districtc.co](http://districtc.co)

#### Downtown Raleigh Alliance

333 Fayetteville Street, STE 1150

Raleigh, NC 27601

Tel: 919-832-1231

Website: [downtownraleigh.org](http://downtownraleigh.org)

### E

#### Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC)

150 Fayetteville Street, Ste 1200

Raleigh, NC 27601

Tel: Main- 919-447-7777

Small Business Advisors:

800-228-8443

Website: [edpnc.com](http://edpnc.com)

#### EGames

NC State Entrepreneurship

1017 Main Campus Dr., STE 1650

Raleigh, NC 27606

Tel: 919-513-3676

Website:

[entrepreneurship.ncsu.edu/events/egames](http://entrepreneurship.ncsu.edu/events/egames)

### F

#### Five Points Business District

Tel: 404-661-9000

Email:

[davidc.fivepointsbda@gmail.com](mailto:davidc.fivepointsbda@gmail.com)

#### First Flight Ventures

2 Davis Drive

PO Box 13169

Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Tel: 919-473-9420

Website: [ffvcnc.org](http://ffvcnc.org)

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### First Wave

2121 Atlantic Avenue, Ste 100  
Raleigh, NC 27604  
Tel: 919-694-0974  
Website: [sinnovatek.com](http://sinnovatek.com)

### FYSO Accelerator

Website: [fyso.co](http://fyso.co)

## G

### Glenwood South Neighborhood Collaborative

Website: [gsncraleigh.com](http://gsncraleigh.com)

### Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau (Visit Raleigh)

421 Fayetteville St., Ste. 1505  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
Tel: 800-849-8499  
Website: [visitraleigh.com](http://visitraleigh.com)

### Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce

800 S Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
Tel: 919-664-7000  
Website: [raleighchamber.org](http://raleighchamber.org)

### Green Restaurant Association

6 Liberty Square, Suite 6077  
Boston, MA 02109  
Tel: 617-737-4422  
Website: [dinegreen.com](http://dinegreen.com)

## H

### Harmony (NC LGBTQ+ Allied Chamber of Commerce)

8480 Honeycutt Road, Suite 200  
Raleigh NC 27615  
Website: [harmonync.org](http://harmonync.org)

### Hillsborough Street Community Service Corporation (HSCSC)

2416 Hillsborough Street  
Raleigh, NC 27607  
Tel: 919-800-0135  
Website: [hillsboroughstreet.org](http://hillsboroughstreet.org)

## I

### Industrious Raleigh

Charter Square  
555 Fayetteville Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
Tel: 919-390-3000

### Wells Fargo Capitol Center

150 Fayetteville Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
Tel: 919-502-1300  
Website:  
[industriousoffice.com/m/raleigh](http://industriousoffice.com/m/raleigh)

### Innovate Raleigh

Tel: 919-664-7030  
Website: [innovateraleigh.com](http://innovateraleigh.com)

### Institute Capital

114 West Parrish Street  
Durham, NC 27701  
Tel: 919-956-8889  
Website: [theinstitutenc.org](http://theinstitutenc.org)

### Intelligent Office

555 Fayetteville Street, Ste 201  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
Tel: 919-351-6441  
Website: [intelligentoffice.com](http://intelligentoffice.com)

## L

### LaunchRALEIGH

Website: [launchraleigh.org](http://launchraleigh.org)

### Loading Dock Raleigh

Tel: 919-999-0252  
Website: [theloadingdock.com](http://theloadingdock.com)

### The Locality

Website: [emilygreyco.com/the-locality](http://emilygreyco.com/the-locality)

## M

### Manufactured in North Carolina

Website: [manufacturednc.com](http://manufacturednc.com)

### Midtown Raleigh Alliance

7413 Six Forks Road, #259  
Raleigh, NC 27615  
Tel: 919-241-3221  
Website: [midtownraleighalliance.org](http://midtownraleighalliance.org)

### Meredith College

219 Park Center  
3800 Hillsborough Street  
Raleigh, NC 27607  
Tel: 919-760-8343  
Website: [meredith.edu](http://meredith.edu)  
Search: Career Planning

## N



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### National Association of Asian American Professionals

Email: [hellonc@naaap.org](mailto:hellonc@naaap.org)  
 Website: [nc.naaap.org](http://nc.naaap.org)

### NC Biotech Center

15 TW Alexander Drive  
 PO Box 13547  
 Research Triangle Park, NC 27709  
 Tel: 919-541-9366  
 Website: [ncbiotech.org](http://ncbiotech.org)

### NC Center of Innovation Network (NC COIN)

Email: [contact@nccoin.org](mailto:contact@nccoin.org)  
 Tel: 910-626-8525  
 Website: [nccoin.org](http://nccoin.org)

### NC Clean Energy Technology Center

North Carolina State University  
 1575 Varsity Drive  
 Raleigh, NC 27606  
 Email: [nccleantech@ncsu.edu](mailto:nccleantech@ncsu.edu)  
 Website: [nccleantech.ncsu.edu](http://nccleantech.ncsu.edu)

### NC Community Colleges Customized Training

200 West Jones Street  
 Raleigh, North Carolina 27603  
 Tel: 919-807-7100  
 Website: [nccommunitycolleges.edu](http://nccommunitycolleges.edu)  
 Search: Customized Training

### NC Department of Commerce

NC Commerce Finance Center  
 301 North Wilmington Street  
 Raleigh, NC 27601  
 Tel: 919-814-4600  
 Email: [cfc@nccommerce.com](mailto:cfc@nccommerce.com)  
 Website: [commerce.nc.gov](http://commerce.nc.gov)

### NC Green Travel North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

217 West Jones Street  
 Raleigh, NC 27603  
 Tel: 877-623-6748  
 Email: [ncgreentravel@ncdenr.gov](mailto:ncgreentravel@ncdenr.gov)  
 Website: [deq.nc.gov](http://deq.nc.gov)  
 Search: NC Green Travel

### NC IDEA

411 W. Chapel Hill Street, Suite C2  
 Durham, NC 27701  
 Tel: 919-941-5600  
 Website: [ncidea.org](http://ncidea.org)

### NC Restaurant and Lodging Association (NCRLA)

222 North Person Street, Suite 210  
 Raleigh, NC 27601  
 Tel: 919-844-0098  
 Email: [info@ncrla.org](mailto:info@ncrla.org)  
 Website: [ncrla.org](http://ncrla.org)

### NC Rural Center

4021 Carya Drive  
 Raleigh, NC 27610  
 Tel: 919-250-4314  
 Website: [ncruralcenter.org](http://ncruralcenter.org)

### NC State University

2100 Pullen Hall  
 201 Dan Allen Drive  
 Campus Box 7303  
 Raleigh, NC 27695  
 Tel: 919-515-2396  
 Website: [ncsu.edu](http://ncsu.edu)  
 Search: Career Services

### NC Textile Connect

Website: [textileconnect.com](http://textileconnect.com)

### Nest Raleigh

414 Fayetteville Street  
 Raleigh, NC 27601  
 Tel: 919-617-6378  
 Website: [nestraleigh.com](http://nestraleigh.com)

## O

### Office Evolution

4801 Glenwood Avenue, Ste 200  
 Raleigh, NC 27612  
 Tel: 919-296-3602  
 Website: [officeevolution.com](http://officeevolution.com)

### Offices.net

Tel: 972-913-2742  
 Website: [offices.net/nc/raleigh](http://offices.net/nc/raleigh)

### Operation Hope Headquarters

191 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 3840  
 Atlanta, GA 30303  
 Raleigh Locations inside First Horizon Bank & Truist  
 Tel: 1-888-388-4673  
 Website: [operationhope.org](http://operationhope.org)

## P

### Pinkubator

4350 Lassiter at North Hills Ave #260  
 Raleigh, NC 27609  
 Email: [info@thepinkceiling.com](mailto:info@thepinkceiling.com)  
 Website: [thepinkceiling.com](http://thepinkceiling.com)

### Prospera

4021 Carya Drive #160  
 Raleigh, NC 27610  
 Tel: 980-729-8273  
 Website: [prosperausa.org](http://prosperausa.org)  
 Search: North Carolina

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### R

#### Raleigh Chamber of Commerce

800 S. Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
Tel: 919-664-7000

Website: [raleighchamber.org](http://raleighchamber.org)

#### Raleigh Economic Development

800 S. Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601

Email:

[ktouchstone@raleighchamber.org](mailto:ktouchstone@raleighchamber.org)

Tel: 919-664-7038

Website: [raleighecondev.org](http://raleighecondev.org)

#### Raleigh Founded

Website: [raleighfounded.com](http://raleighfounded.com)

#### Raleigh Pathways Center

900 South Wilmington Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
Tel: 919-996-5730

Website: [raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov)

Search: Pathways

#### Research Triangle Cleantech Cluster

PO Box 33615  
Raleigh, NC 27636  
Tel: 919-334-4076

Website:

[researchtrianglecleantech.org](http://researchtrianglecleantech.org)

#### Riot Labs

310 S Harrington Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601

Website: [riot.org](http://riot.org)

### S

#### Saint Augustine's University

1315 Oakwood Avenue  
Raleigh, NC 27610  
Tel: 919-516-4000

Website: [st-aug.edu](http://st-aug.edu)

Search: Professional Development

#### SCORE

P.O. Box 97413  
Raleigh, NC 27624  
Tel: 919-869-4151

Website: [raleigh.score.org](http://raleigh.score.org)

#### Self-Help Credit Union

7029 Harps Mill Road  
Raleigh, NC 27615  
Tel: 984-233-7838

Website: [self-help.org](http://self-help.org)

#### Shaw University

Yancey Building Suite 222  
118 E. South Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
Tel: 919-278-2673

Website: [shawu.edu](http://shawu.edu)

Workforce Recruitment:

Search: Career Development

Technical Assistance:

Search: Innovation  
Innovation & Entrepreneurship  
Center:

Search: IEC

#### Shop Local Raleigh

4001 Hillsborough Street  
Raleigh, NC 27606  
Tel: 919-755-9235

Website: [shoplocalraleigh.org](http://shoplocalraleigh.org)

#### SKEMA Business School

920 Main Campus Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27606  
Tel: 919-535-5700

Website: [skema.edu](http://skema.edu)

#### Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC)

1021 Main Campus Drive, Ste 200  
CB# 7019

Raleigh, NC 27606

Tel: Main – 919-7115-7272

Tel: Raleigh - 919-513-1500

Website: [sbtdc.org](http://sbtdc.org)

#### Spaces

The Dillon

223 S. West Street, Ste 900 & 1000  
Raleigh, NC 27603

Crabtree Terrace

4509 Creedmoor Rd, Ste 201

Raleigh, NC 27612

Tel: 888-793-0331

Website: [spacesworks.com](http://spacesworks.com)

#### StartUp at Wake Tech

Western Wake Campus

3434 Kildaire Farm Rd. #207

Cary, NC 27616

Tel: 919-866-5000

Website: [waketech.edu](http://waketech.edu)

Search: StartUp

### T

#### Tech Talent South

310 S. Harrington Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601

Tel: 888-909-1542

Website: [techtalentsouth.com](http://techtalentsouth.com)

#### Thread Capital

4021 Carya Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27610

Tel: 919-212-4950

Website: [threadcap.org](http://threadcap.org)

## DIRECTORY OF SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

### Triangle Artworks

**Mailing Address:**

3119 Birnamwood Road  
Raleigh, NC 27607

**Office Location:**The Frontier  
800 Park Offices Drive  
Research Triangle, NC 27709

**Email:** [hello@triangleartworks.org](mailto:hello@triangleartworks.org)

**Website:** [triangleartworks.org](http://triangleartworks.org)

## U

### U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

6600 Louisburg Road, Room 351  
Raleigh, NC 27616

**Tel:** Main – 800-827-5722

**Tel:** Raleigh - 919-532-5525

**Website:** [sba.gov](http://sba.gov)

## V

### Village District Merchants' Association

2034 Cameron Street  
Raleigh, NC 27605

**Tel:** 919-821-1350

**Website:** [shopcameronvillage.com](http://shopcameronvillage.com)

**Search:** Merchants Association

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### Wake County Economic Development

800 S Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601

**Tel:** 919-664-7000

**Website:** [raleigh-wake.org](http://raleigh-wake.org)

### Wake County Public School System

5625 Dillard Drive  
Cary, NC 27518

**Tel:** 919-413-7400

**Website:** [wcpss.net](http://wcpss.net)

**Search:** Career and Technical Education OR Career Preparation

### Wake County Social and Economic Vitality

**Tel:** 919-857-9243

**Website:** [wakegov.com](http://wakegov.com)

**Search:** Social and Economic Vitality

### Wake Technical Community College

**Tel:** 919-866-5000

**Website:** [waketech.edu](http://waketech.edu)

**Search:** Workforce Continuing Education

### WeWork

1 Glenwood Avenue  
Raleigh, NC 27603

**Tel:** 646-389-3922

**Website:** [wework.com](http://wework.com)

### William Peace University

Second Floor of Finch Library

Harp Street  
Raleigh, NC 27604

**Tel:** 919-508-2008

**Website:** [peace.edu](http://peace.edu)

**Search:** Career Services

### Women's Business Center North Carolina

114 West Parrish Street  
Durham, NC 27701

**Tel:** 919-956-8889

**Email:** [wbcadmin@theinstitutenc.org](mailto:wbcadmin@theinstitutenc.org)

**Website:** [theinstitutenc.org](http://theinstitutenc.org)

### Wright Village

420 Hubert Street, Ste 2  
Raleigh, NC 27603

**Tel:** 919-822-1937

**Website:** [thewrightvillage.com](http://thewrightvillage.com)

