

Maine Small Business Resources



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U.S. Small Business Administration

- **Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments**

Houses a SCORE chapter and Small Business Development Center. Also provides business counseling and lending with microloans up to \$50,000 and commercial loans up to \$150,000.

207-783-9186 * www.avcog.org

- **Business Answers**

A service provided by the Maine Department of Economic & Community Development to make it easier to start and conduct business in the State of Maine. 1-800-872-3838 in Maine or 1-800-541-5872 from outside of Maine. You can also e-mail us at business.answers@maine.gov.

<http://www.maine.gov/businessanswers>

- **CEI**

CEI provides financing and business advising to small and medium-sized businesses, with a strong emphasis on rural communities. CEI provides commercial loans from \$1,000-\$500,000 statewide. CEI houses the Women's Business Center and the Small Business Development Center.

207-882-7522 * www.ceimaine.org

- **CEI Ventures**

Mobilizes private capital markets while advancing social goals.

207-772-5356 * www.ceiventures.com

- **Community Concepts Finance Corp.**

Provides loans and technical assistance to new and existing businesses. Micro Loans to \$50,000 and other commercial loans to \$500,000.

207-739-6545 * www.mainebusinesslending.org

- **Eastern Maine Development Corp.**

Provides networking, mentoring, workshops and financing to Maine businesses.

207-942-6389 * www.emdc.org

- **FAME**

The Finance Authority of Maine

Provides access to innovative financial solutions to help Maine citizens pursue business and higher education opportunities.

207-623-3263 * www.famemaine.com

- **Four Directions**

Improves the social and economic conditions of the four Native American tribes in Maine through education and investment in affordable housing, tribal business ventures, and Native entrepreneurship.

207-866-6545 * www.fourdirectionsmaine.org

- **Greater Portland Council of Governments**

GPCOG provides a variety of planning and support services to assist the region with their Community and Economic Development needs.

207-774-9891 * www.gpcog.org

- **Island Institute**

Works to sustain Maine's island and remote coastal communities.

207-594-9209 * www.islandinstitute.org

- **Kennebec Valley Council of Governments**

Promotes economic development by providing financing for start-ups, expansions and modernizations, as well as assistance in accessing other state and federal financing sources. Loans up to \$350,000. Also houses a Small Business Development Center.

207-453-4258 * www.kvcog.org

- **Maine & Co.**

Assists out of state business looking to relocate to Maine and helps existing Maine businesses expand and grow.

207-871-0234* www.maineeco.org

- **Maine Center for Entrepreneurial Development**

Helps the most promising Maine companies to launch and grow through mentoring, training and connections. Best known for its 5-month mentoring program Top Gun, MCED also offers seminars, manages the PubHub networking event, and selectively provides one-on-one coaching through its MoneyTrack program which specialized in non-debt financing preparation for grants, equity and crowdfunding.

207-774-8111 * www.mced.biz

- **Maine Department of Economic and Community Development**

Provides, targeted tax relief, community block grants, and tourism marketing. Guides and promotes Maine businesses and communities' efforts to attract jobs through unique financing programs and support, including the Governor's Account Executive Team, comprised of experienced economic development liaisons who provide one-on-one assistance to businesses.
207-624-9800 * www.maine.gov/dec

- **Maine Development Foundation**

Drives sustainable, long-term economic growth for Maine. MDF stimulates new ideas, develops leaders, and provides common ground for solving problems and advancing issues.
207-622-6345 * www.mdf.org

- **Maine International Trade Center**

Assists Maine business wishing to sell their products and services outside of the United States.
207-541-7400 * www.mitc.com

- **Maine MEP**

Creates opportunities for Maine's small and medium sized manufacturers, by helping them become more efficient, productive and globally competitive.
207-623-0680 * www.mainemep.org

- **Maine PTAC**

Works with Maine-based companies that are interested in selling their products and/or services to local, state or federal government agencies.
207-942-6389 * www.maineptac.org

- **Maine Small Business Development Centers**

Assists small business operators and nascent entrepreneurs through business advising, training services, information transfer, and resource linkages.
207-780-4420 * www.mainesbdc.org

- **MaineStream Finance**

Provides entrepreneurial education, mentoring, loans, technical assistance, and financial services for beginning and developing small businesses.
207-974-2437 * www.mainestreamfinance.org

- **Maine Technology Institute**

Offers early-stage capital and commercialization assistance.
207-582-4790 * www.mainetechnology.org

- **Maine Venture Fund**

Provides resources to attract, support, and help develop eligible small businesses with the potential for substantial growth and success.
207-924-3800 * www.maineventurefund.com

- **Midcoast Economic Development District**

Midcoast Economic Development District (MCEDD) provides gap financing for small business startups and expansion, economic development and municipal services to Midcoast Maine.
207-370-6045 * www.mceddme.org

- **New Ventures Maine**

Offers free classes, workshops and one-on-one coaching to Maine people looking for a new career, a new business, or a new direction. Formerly known as Women, Work & Community
207- 621-3440. * www.newventuresmaine.org

- **Northern Maine Development Commission**

Serves the northern Maine region with effective regional community planning and economic development.
207-498-8736 * www.nmdc.org

- **SCORE**

Provides educational workshops and free business mentoring to help small businesses get started, grow and operate effectively.
207-772-1147 * www.scoremaine.org

- **Small Business Administration**

SBA helps businesses start, grow and thrive through its services, with access to capital, counseling and federal government contracting.
207-622-8551 * www.sba.gov/me

- **So. ME Regional Planning Commission**

Conducts economic development, housing, and water quality planning and provides technical assistance to the municipalities in the region.
207-324-2952 * www.smpdc.org

- **Sunrise County Economic Council**

Initiates and facilitates the creation of jobs and prosperity in Washington County, Maine.
207-255-0983 * www.sunrisecounty.org

- **StartSmart**

StartSmart is a free business development program that helps immigrants start or grow a business.
207-775-1984 * www.ceimaine.org

- **USDA Rural Development**

Promotes economic development and supports businesses by offering loan guarantees to lenders, and locally-managed loan funds and development grants to public bodies and non-profits.
207-990-9168 * www.rd.usda.gov/me

- **Women's Business Center at CEI**

Offers experienced, knowledgeable business specialists who help at any stage of your business, from start-up to expansion.
207-535-2914 * www.ceimaine.org/women