



**INVENTORY OF
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND
SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

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Introduction

The Federal and Provincial Governments offer several programs, grants, loans and support tools to businesses, whether they are in development stages or long-established in their sectors.

The list below is a comprehensive summary of the various initiatives* available at this time. It is important to remember that programs have different qualifiers and various intake mechanisms, thus it is important to familiarize yourself with what is available and to respect submission timelines.

The Township will be pleased to assist you in connecting with the program(s) that will best support your business. Contact the Township's Economic Development Officer if you require any additional information.

* Please note that the title of each program, fund or support tool is hyperlinked to the associated web-page.

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Abilities Connect Fund

If you are hiring postsecondary students or recent graduates with a disability, you may be able to apply for wage and training subsidies.

Aboriginal Business and Entrepreneurship Development

Apply for financing to start or grow your Aboriginal business.

Aboriginal Economic Development Fund — Business and Community Fund

You may be eligible to apply for a loan for your aboriginal business in designated regions of Ontario.

Aboriginal Economic Development Fund — Regional Partnership Grant

As an approved aboriginal business or a non-aboriginal business partnering with one, you may be eligible to apply for grants of up to \$250,000.

Adam Chowaniec Memorial Fund for Global Entrepreneurship

You could qualify for a \$3,000 grant for activities that support the promotion or development of export opportunities for Canadians.

Advance Payments Program

You can apply for a cash advance of up to \$400,000 for your agricultural business.

AgriInnovation Program

If you have an agri-business, you can apply for an R&D contribution to get your new agricultural product or technology ready for the market.

AgriInvest

If you are an agricultural producer, you could get a matching contribution if you put aside savings.

AgriMarketing — Assurance systems stream

Your not-for-profit organization could be eligible for funding for projects that support national food assurance systems and tools.

AgriMarketing — Market development stream

Your not-for-profit organization in the agriculture, agri-food, fish or seafood sector could be eligible for funding for market development projects.

AgriMarketing — SME Component

Your SME in the agriculture, agri-food, fish or seafood sector could be eligible for funding to develop or further penetrate export markets.

Apprenticeship Employer Signing Bonus

Find out if you qualify for a signing bonus when you hire a youth as a new apprentice in certain trades in Ontario.

Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit

If you hire an apprentice, you could get a tax credit equal to 10% of that person's salary.

Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit

You may qualify for an annual tax credit of up to \$5,000 per qualifying apprentice to a maximum of \$15,000 over a 36-month period.

Aquaculture Capital Equity Program

Your aquaculture business could be eligible for a government investment to match a private sector cash investment.

Aquaculture Collaborative Research and Development Program

By collaborating with government researchers, you could increase your business' scientific capacity for projects relating to fish health and environmental performance.

Automotive Innovation Fund

If you have an incorporated automotive business, you could get funding to build greener, more fuel-efficient vehicles through innovation and R&D.

Automotive Partnership Canada

If you are working on next-generation automotive technologies, you could receive financial assistance to support collaborative R&D activities.

[Automotive Supplier Innovation Program](#)

As a supplier to the automotive industry, your business could access funds to support projects that develop innovative products or processes.

[BDC business loans](#)

You could get money to help you start or grow your business.

[BDC Buying a business](#)

Find out how you may get financing to buy an existing business.

[BDC Capital](#)

Access a wide range of specialized financing to match the various stages of growth of your business.

[BDC Financing for starting a business](#)

Learn how you could get a loan to start or buy a business or to buy property or equipment to set up your business.

[BDC growth capital for aboriginal business](#)

Find out how you could get money to help start or grow your Aboriginal business.

[BDC Small Business Loan — for existing business](#)

Get a loan of up to \$50,000 within 5 business days. There are no fees or hassles and the entire process is online.

[BDC Technology financing — Information and communications technology loan](#)

Find out how you could get a loan to help buy or upgrade information and communications technology for your business.

[BDC transition financing](#)

If you are retiring or selling your business, you could get a loan to help with the costs of the transition.

[BDC Working capital term loan](#)

Find out how you could get a loan to grow your business.

BDC Xpansion Loan

Get financing to help you explore new domestic or foreign market opportunities.

Bioenterprise Seed Funding Program

Has your business developed a unique agricultural or agri-food innovation in Southern Ontario? You could access seed financing and business coaching.

Canada Book Fund

You could receive financial assistance for your Canadian book publishing business.

Canada Feature Film Fund

If you are an incorporated Canadian film producer, you could receive money to develop, produce and market your movies in English or French.

Canada Job Grant

You could get up to \$10,000 per employee to help cover the cost of training.

Canada Media Fund

If you are involved in the Canadian television or digital media industries, you may be eligible for funding.

Canada Periodical Fund

You could get money to help you publish your Canadian magazine or non-daily newspaper.

Canada Small Business Financing Program

Access funds for your small business with the help of this loan guarantee program.

Canada Summer Jobs

If you hire students for the summer, this subsidy could help you cover 50% of their wages.

Canadian Agricultural Loans Act program

Find out how this loan guarantee could help you secure credit for your farming business.

Canadian Industry Program for Energy Conservation

Access financial assistance, workshops, and other services that can help your industrial facility save energy.

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Canadian International Innovation Program

If you are a Canadian company with R&D projects in science and technology, you could get funding to work with a foreign partner to commercialize your technology.

CanExport Program

You could get up to \$99,999 to help your business develop new export markets.

Career Focus

You could get funding to hire young people if you can give them useful work experience.

CareerConnect ICT wage subsidy for employers

You could receive up to \$14,000 if you hire an unemployed or underemployed post-secondary graduate for an ICT position in your organization.

Centre of Excellence in Next Generation Networks (CENGN)

Is your next-generation communication solutions project ready for commercialization? You could qualify for support valued up to \$100,000.

Collaboration Voucher Program

You may be able to cut the cost of innovation technical expertise needed to keep your Ontario business competitive.

Collaborative Research and Development Grants

You could get a university to help you with your research project in natural sciences or engineering if you contribute half the costs of the project.

College and Institutes Canada Clean Tech Internship

Employers can receive a wage subsidy to hire an intern for an environmental position.

Commercial real estate financing

Find out how to get financing to buy land or commercial buildings or to build or expand your existing commercial facilities.

Community Futures Program (Ontario)

You could receive funding to start or grow your business in rural Ontario.

Computer Animation and Special Effects Tax Credit

Your corporation may qualify for an 18% refundable tax credit based on labour expenses for computer animation and special effects activities.

Conservation Fund

You could receive funding for new energy conservation programs and technology for your business.

Co-operative Education Tax Credit

You may be eligible for a refundable tax credit of up to \$3,000 if you hire an Ontario co-op student.

Early Stage Exporters fund

If your corporation has at least 3 employees and annual sales of \$300,000 to \$500,000, you may qualify for a grant of 50% of costs to start exporting.

Eastern Ontario Development Fund

If you run a business or an incorporated, not-for-profit organization you could receive funding to support business expansion and innovation in your region.

Eastern Ontario Development Program

If you are located in a rural area of Eastern Ontario, you could get financing to start or grow your business.

Economic Development Initiative (Southern Ontario)

Funding may be available for your organization if you provide business support services in French to a Francophone community in southern Ontario.

Electric Vehicle Incentive and Charging Incentive Programs

You might be eligible for rebates toward the purchase or lease of a new plug-in hybrid electric or battery electric vehicle and a charging station.

Enabling Accessibility Fund — Workplace Accessibility Stream

Your small business may qualify for a grant to improve accessibility in your facility for people with disabilities.

Environmental Youth Corps Internship Program

Thinking of hiring a graduate for a position related to the environment? A wage subsidy may be available.

Equipment purchase financing

Learn how to get financing to buy new or used equipment for your business.

Export Guarantee Program

An export guarantee could increase your chances of obtaining financing.

Export Market Access — A global expansion program

If you have at least 5 employees and annual sales of \$500,000 or more, you may qualify for a grant of 50% on costs to grow export sales.

FACTOR funding for the sound recording industry

If your business operates in the English sound recording industry in Canada, you could qualify for funding to support various business activities.

Farm Credit Canada — loans and lending options

You could access flexible financing options for your farming, agri-food or agribusiness operation.

Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program

If you own a farm, you could save 75% of the municipal residential tax rate.

Film or Video Production Services Tax Credit

You may qualify for a tax credit if you employ the services of Canadians in your film or video productions.

Foreign Buyer Financing

If you export capital goods or services, your foreign buyer could benefit from EDC's financing solutions for terms ranging from 2 to 5 years.

Fuel Injection Program

Your advanced manufacturing or social innovation business could access up to \$30,000 in seed funding for growth projects in Southern Ontario.

Futurpreneur Canada Newcomer Program

If you are between the ages of 18 and 39 and have lived in Canada for less than 60 months you can apply for financing to start a business.

Futurpreneur Canada Start-Up Program

Are you between the ages of 18 and 39? If you are a Canadian resident with a good business idea, you could get \$15,000 or more to start or run a business full-time.

Gasoline used in unlicensed business equipment

You could get a tax refund if you bought gasoline for use in your unlicensed business equipment.

General business loans

As a member of the Six Nations or New Credit aboriginal communities, you could qualify for a business loan of up to \$300,000.

Going Global Innovation

If you are looking to commercialize your technology abroad, you could get money to develop the international partnerships needed for success.

Grant programs for artists

As a professional artist, you could get a grant to help cover the cost of various activities including professional development and travel.

Grant Programs for writers and publishers

As a professional writer, publisher, or part of an author collective, you can apply for various grants and prizes through the Canada Council for the Arts.

Hiring credit for small business

As an employer who has paid more EI premiums in 2013 than in 2012, you could get a credit of up to \$1,000 toward your payroll account.

Housing Internship Initiative for First Nations and Inuit Youth

Your housing-related business may qualify for wage subsidies to hire and train First Nations or Inuit youths.

Industrial Research Assistance Program

Your small or medium-sized business may qualify for financial assistance to develop, adopt, adapt and/or commercialize new or improved technologies.

Industry-Academic Collaboration Programs

Learn about financing and support that may help you develop and commercialize innovative techniques, products and services in Ontario.

Interactive Digital Media Fund

You may be eligible for funding up to a maximum of \$250,000 for the creation of digital media content.

Investing in Business Growth and Productivity

Your established Ontario business or not-for-profit organization may be eligible for funding to grow and be more productive.

Investing in Business Innovation

You could get financing to help commercialize the innovations of your Southern Ontario early-stage business if you've secured private investments.

Investments in Forest Industry Transformation

You could get funding to help commercialize first-in-kind technologies for the forest product industry.

Local Poverty Reduction Fund

Your registered charity, not-for-profit or Aboriginal organization may be eligible for a grant for sustainable projects that aim to reduce poverty.

Matching Investment Fund

If you produce milk products or manufacture processed goods made with milk, you could get funding to create new or improved products.

Microlending for Women in Ontario Program

As a woman entrepreneur, you may be eligible for business support training and microloans to help you start your business.

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Mitacs Accelerate

Learn how you can expand your R&D potential by recruiting a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow to research your technology project.

Mitacs Elevate

You could obtain research assistance from a PhD fellow at a reduced cost to your business for projects lasting up to two years.

MUSICACTION

You may be eligible for financing if you are a French-language songwriter, composer, artist, or recording business owner.

Networks of Centres of Excellence

Explore various funds available for your R&D activities that respond to current research and innovation needs.

NORTHSTAR Trade Finance Canada

Your foreign customer could get financing to purchase your products and services.

Ontario Book Publishing Tax Credit

You may be entitled to a 30% refundable tax credit, to a maximum of \$30,000 per literary work, if you publish or promote work by a Canadian author.

Ontario business research institute tax credit

You could be eligible for a refundable tax credit for scientific research and experimental development in Ontario.

Ontario Catapult Microloan Fund for Social Enterprises

You may be eligible for a loan of \$5,000 to \$25,000 for your innovative Ontario-based social enterprise.

Ontario Disability Support Program: Employment Supports

If you are an entrepreneur with a disability, you can get help starting a business.

Ontario Emerging Technologies Fund

Find out about funding that may be available for your Ontario-based emerging technology business.

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Ontario Film and Television Tax Credit

If you are an Ontario film or television producer, you may qualify for a refundable tax credit based on labour expenses for productions in Ontario.

Ontario Innovation Tax Credit

You may be able to claim a 10 or 8% tax credit for scientific research and experimental development done by your Ontario-based corporation in Ontario.

Ontario Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit

You could be eligible for a tax credit toward the labour and marketing costs of your digital media production.

Ontario Job Creation Partnerships

If you are planning a new business project that benefits the community, you could be eligible to hire a subsidized job seeker.

Ontario Labour Market Partnerships

You can apply for funding to deal with labour force changes.

Ontario Media Development Corporation Export Fund

Discover how your cultural media company could receive funding for export development.

Ontario Music Fund

If you run a business, a consortium, an industry association or a not-for-profit organization active in the Ontario music sector you may be eligible to apply for funding.

Ontario Production Services Tax Credit

Your production company could be eligible to receive a refundable tax credit for production expenses.

Ontario Research and Development Tax Credit

Find out if you qualify for a tax credit for your research and development expenditures.

Ontario Tax Exemption for Commercialization

Your corporation may be eligible for a tax exemption if you sell new products developed by Canadian colleges or universities.

Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities

If you are a person with disabilities who wants to start a business or if would like to hire someone with a disability, you could qualify for funds.

Partnerships Options for Companies

Get help with your Canadian R&D projects in natural sciences or engineering from colleges and universities in Canada.

Rise Asset Development

If you are an entrepreneur facing mental health or addiction challenges you could get \$300 to \$10,000 to help start, grow or promote your business.

Rural Economic Development Program

Access funding for your partnership projects that improve employee skills and economic diversity in rural or less urbanized areas of Ontario.

Science and Technology Internship Program

If your business is in the geomatics, geology, mining, forestry or energy industry, you could get money to hire a recent graduate.

Scientific Research and Experimental Development Tax Incentive Program

You can get a tax credit if you spend money on industrial R&D in Canada.

Securitization — Funding Platform for Independent Lenders

Your small to medium-sized financing or lease company could access expanded financing options to provide vehicle and equipment loan or lease contracts.

Skills Link

Need employees? You could receive money to hire and train youth between the ages of 15 and 30 to work on your projects.

Small business deduction

If you operate a Canadian-controlled private corporation, your business may be eligible for an annual tax credit.

SmartStart Seed Fund

You may be eligible for funding of up to \$60,000 to help you through the validation stage of your innovation-based business.

Social Enterprise Ontario

Your social enterprise with an environmental or social goal for Francophones may be eligible for grants of up to \$16,000 or loans of up to \$40,000.

Soft Landing program

Are you ready to take your ICT business global? Get help making the right connections abroad.

Southern Ontario Fund for Investment in Innovation

Apply for funding to help your innovative small business develop and commercialize new processes or technologies.

Space Technology Development Program

Your organization (Industry or Academia) could receive financial and technical support to perform R&D on space technologies.

Starter Company

As a youth entrepreneur, you may be eligible for funding of up to \$5,000 and business skills training to help you a start or expand a business.

Strategic Aerospace and Defence Initiative

If your aerospace and defence company is incorporated in Canada, you could receive money for R&D projects in Canada.

Strategic Community Entrepreneurship Projects program

As a young entrepreneur you may be eligible for funding of up to \$3,000 and business skills training to help you a start a business.

Summer Company

If you are a student between 15 and 29 years of age, you may be eligible for up to \$3,000 to help you start and run a summer business.

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Sustainable Development Technology Fund

Need money to develop and test a new energy technology? You could qualify for funding to create clean technology products that fight climate change.

Tax refund for power takeoff equipment

You may qualify for a refund if you paid tax on fuel used in Ontario to operate power takeoff equipment.

Technology Demonstration Program

You could receive up to 50% of the costs (up to \$54 million) of one large-scale aerospace and defense R&D project per year.

TECTERRA Geomatics Technology Programs

If you are an entrepreneur in the geomatics industry, you could access funding and resources that can help you develop and commercialize your business.

The Prince's Operation Entrepreneur

If you are a transitioning Canadian Forces member looking to establish a small business, this program could be for you.

Tourism Development Fund

Your tourism business may qualify for financial support for innovation, training, and improving investment readiness.

Tourism Industry Partners Program

You could get financing to help your business consortium market an Ontario tourist destination to tourists outside Ontario or Canada.

Youth Employment Program

You could obtain financial assistance to hire a skilled post-secondary graduate to work on your innovative project.

Youth Social Innovation Capital Fund

As a young entrepreneur with a social or environmental goal, you may be eligible for loans of up to \$25,000 to start or grow a business.

Section 2 – Business Support Programs

Expert advice for your business

Get answers to your questions and discuss your business concerns with an expert.

[BDC Consulting](#)

Find out how BDC's customized consulting services can help your business at all stages of development.

[Community Futures Network of Canada](#)

Are you starting a business in a rural or northern community? Get help from the Community Futures Development Corporation in your area.

[CoopZone](#)

Find resources and consultants to help you start and run a co-operative in Canada.

[PARO Centre for Women's Enterprise](#)

As a woman entrepreneur in Northern Ontario, you can find coaching, training and peer lending programs to start or grow your business. PARO extends its services to other regions in Ontario.

[Women's Business Associations](#)

As a woman entrepreneur, you can get help from specialized organizations to start and expand your business or register your business association.

Networking and chambers of commerce

Take advantage of business opportunities and specific networking forums to make the right connections.

[Canadian Chamber of Commerce](#)

A strong community business network can benefit your organization. Access your local chamber of commerce.

[Innu Business Development Centre](#)

Promote your company in the Innu Business Registry and find Innu businesses that are offering the goods and services you need.

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[Ontario Chamber of Commerce](#)

Take advantage of the business network, programs, services and resources of your provincial chamber of commerce, which could help grow your business.

[Rural Opportunities Network](#)

Explore business ideas, promote yourself, and connect with other Canadians engaged in the sustainable use of natural resources.

[Supply Chain Management Association](#)

Learn how to better manage your supply chain by signing up for seminars, webinars, introductory training or a full-scale accreditation program.

[WBE Canada Certification](#)

Find out how your company can be certified as a Women Business Enterprise to increase your access to contract opportunities in Canada and abroad.

[YouInc](#)

Join this business information and networking site to help enrich your entrepreneurial experience. Share, learn and collaborate with other entrepreneurs.

Coaching, mentoring and training

Connect with experienced business advisors who can help you develop your skills and achieve your business goals.

[Aboriginal Business Mentorship Program](#)

As an Aboriginal business owner and a member of the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business, you could get a mentor to help you develop your skills.

[BDC Business Coaching](#)

BDC's Business Coaching can help you improve your skills, facilitate your decision-making process and allow you to focus on growing your business.

[BDC certification consulting services](#)

BDC's experts can help you achieve internationally recognized certifications that give your company a competitive edge.

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[BDC Integrated Sales and Marketing consulting services](#)

Discover how BDC's consulting services can help you get your sales and marketing channels working together for maximum success.

[Business Advisory Services \(Ontario\)](#)

Access expert help in Ontario to grow your small to medium-sized business locally or in new markets.

[Community partners — service location finder](#)

Find in-person assistance to help you start and grow your business.

[Excellence Canada](#)

Learn more about training programs and awards for healthy workplaces, leadership, organizational quality and more.

[moMENTum](#)

Get advice and guidance from an experienced business mentor for 6 months. Benefit from personalized support to keep on track.

[Queen's Centre for Business Venturing](#)

Work with business students to explore internships, studies and financing for your business venture.

[Small Business Enterprise Centres](#)

Get help to start or grow your small business in Ontario.

[Women in Communications and Technology](#)

Are you a woman entrepreneur in the communications sector? Find out how leadership development and mentoring services can help you achieve your goals.

[Women's business networks and associations](#)

Find support for growing your business from women's business organizations across Canada and the world.

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Learn about organizations that offer support services to businesses in your industry.

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[Apparel Innovation Centre](#)

If you want to create innovative apparel, you can access product development services, advanced R&D equipment, and technologies at this centre.

[Bioenterprise](#)

If you are introducing innovative agricultural technologies to the market, you may be eligible for support to help grow your business.

[Business tools, strategies, reports and resources for the tourism industry](#)

Access tools, publications and industry resources to help start and run your tourism business in Ontario.

[Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters](#)

As a manufacturer or exporter, you can join this association to access business opportunities, strategic intelligence, events and more.

[Consulting Engineers of Ontario](#)

If you are an engineering consultant, this organization can help you access networking, professional development, education and more.

[Directory of Business and Trade Associations / Organizations](#)

Find associations and organizations that offer sector-specific business resources and services.

[TechConnex](#)

Find help to grow your technology business and connect with other technology leaders in the Greater Toronto Area.

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[Starting a Company](#)

You want to start your own business, but have you done your homework? Think about what kind of a business you want, and whether you want to partner with someone. Will you buy an existing business, or build one from the ground up? Do you have a sound business idea and data to back it up? Get ready to take the plunge by doing solid research and the necessary planning.

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[Is entrepreneurship for you?](#)

Find out if you have the entrepreneurial spirit, and learn about the *benefits* of being your own boss.

[Developing your ideas](#)

Make sure you can turn your idea into a profitable business model.

[Business planning](#)

Find out how to write a business plan and access templates, sample business plans, market research information and statistics.

[Market research and statistics](#)

Learn more about market research, how to conduct it, and where to find free information and statistics to support your market research project.

[Buy a business or start your own?](#)

Investigate the pros and cons of buying an existing business versus starting one from scratch.

[Sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation or co-operative?](#)

Find out which type of business structure is right for your business: sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or co-operative.

Business Plans

A business plan is a valuable tool for every business owner, whether you are starting up, have been in business for years, or are ready to grow.

Think of your business plan as a sales document. It must convince readers that your venture has the potential to be successful. Your enthusiasm, dedication and confidence in the project should be evident to the reader. Avoid highly technical terms and diagrams that the reader may not be familiar with. You will want to write the plan as if the reader is not familiar with the type of business you are starting.

The most effective business plans are dynamic documents that evolve as your business grows and changes. Your plan should reflect the current reality of your business, the environment in which it operates, and your present and future goals.

Writing your business plan

Know what elements are considered essential in any business plan and the key points that should be included in each section of your plan.

Business planning success

How can you best prepare your business for success? Learn how to create a well-developed business plan and avoid missteps

If you're starting a business, a business plan can help you:

- Turn your ideas and capital into a viable business
- Secure financing from lenders and investors
- Identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats

If you're managing an existing business, a business plan can help you:

- Communicate your vision to your employees and external parties
- Develop accurate financial forecasts
- Compare planned versus actual performance

If you're *growing your business*, a business plan can help you:

- Raise capital to expand
- Create a strategy to manage growth
- Take advantage of opportunities and mitigate risks

If you're *exiting your business*, a business plan can help you:

- Develop a plan to transfer ownership, sell your business, or close your business
- Establish a timeline for the transition process
- Identify financial and regulatory requirements

Planning for Business Growth

You've decided it's time to expand, but there's plenty to consider before you begin. These resources can help you make sound decisions that work for your business.

Things to consider before expanding your business

What changes can you expect as a result of business expansion? Find out what's in store for you and your business.

Identify opportunities arising from your current business

Are you sitting on a golden opportunity for growth? Your current operations may be more fruitful than you think.

Review your business performance

Identify the steps in assessing your business' performance and learn how to highlight areas that could be improved.

Ways to grow your business

Explore various business activities that could help you expand and grow your business.

Business activities to achieve growth

Find information that can help you undertake the support activities you may need to grow your business.

Strategic planning demystified

If you are considering new ventures or taking on new challenges, learn the importance of strategic planning and the steps needed to map out your business route.

Prepare a business plan for growth

Learn how to transform your business plan from a static document into a dynamic model that will help your business survive and prosper.

Challenges of growing a business and how to meet them

Learn how to recognize and avoid common growth-related traps to help your business continue to grow and prosper.

Organizations and resources for growth

Take advantage of the services offered by business development organizations.