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# CHARLES COUNTY HELPS BUSINESSES THRIVE

The Charles County Economic Development Department is committed to supporting new and existing businesses through every stage of business development. Charles County offers a complete range of innovative business assistance services, programs, and resources to help entrepreneurs and businesses grow and thrive in Charles County.



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## Business Support Services:

*The Charles County Economic Development Department supports existing businesses by providing expertise and assistance on a wide range of business issues, or connecting them with the right agency or organization to address their specific needs.*

For companies considering Charles County for business location or relocation, the EDD provides an array of **Site Selection Resources**, from financing and technical assistance to facilitating incentives, agreements, permit expeditions, and more.

### Programs for Business Owners:

- **Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE)**  
**Program** assists small and local businesses in accessing government procurements.
- **Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) Program** assists minority and women-owned businesses in the government procurement marketplace.
- **Free business trainings:** the EDD offers free training programs throughout the year, covering such topics as entrepreneurship, financial management, and government contracting. Training programs are listed on our website under Business Support.

### Financial Support for Businesses:

Charles County EDD connects businesses with the essential capital to start, expand, or fund sustainable upgrades. A variety of loans are available depending on need. Options include:

- Business Development Loan Fund for Women, Minorities, and Veterans
- Targeted Industry Loan Fund
- Maryland Commercial PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) Loans
- Private Activity Bonds (Tax Exempt or Taxable)
- Tax Increment Financing (TIF)



### Workforce Assistance:

Charles County's proximity to Washington, DC, gives businesses access to an enormous talent pool. Charles County businesses can tap into the benefits of this expanded workforce through many local workforce resource providers, including the Workforce Development Board and the College of Southern Maryland's Workforce Center.

## Starting and Growing Businesses:

Charles County assists new businesses from the beginning by providing various informational, financial, technical, and networking services to help businesses flourish.

### Guidance for Entrepreneurs:

Charles County promotes innovation and entrepreneurship by offering assistance through a range of federal, state, and local resources.

Entrepreneurs can get assistance with the process of registering and licensing their business, training, mentorship, certification, and networking opportunities. Charles County equips entrepreneurs with the information necessary to succeed.