



PROGRAMS AND PRACTICING COMMUNITIES

CASTLE ROCK ECONOMIC GARDENERS

Castle Rock Economic Gardeners seeks to help businesses thrive in today's marketplace. It helps business owners gain knowledge, direction and connection to take their business to the next level. This program serves both start-ups and existing businesses in Castle Rock, Colorado, at little to no cost.

www.castlerockeg.com, 303-688-4597

CENTER FOR ECONOMIC VITALITY

The Center for Economic Vitality uses secondary market research to expand and retain existing businesses rather than spending new resources to attract new businesses to the community. This program assists businesses with expansion planning, site evaluations, data for loan justification, etc.

www.cevforbusiness.com, 360-733-4014

CENTER FOR RURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Center for Rural Entrepreneurship supports entrepreneurship development in communities throughout rural America. Their comprehensive guide to rural entrepreneurship is available at <http://www.energizingentrepreneurs.org/site/images/research/cp/prwp/prwp1.pdf>
<http://www.energizingentrepreneurs.org>, 402-323-7336.

CITY OF LITTLETON - ECONOMIC GARDENING

The City of Littleton is where economic gardening began. Littleton focuses on three main elements in their program: information, infrastructure and connections.

www.littletongov.org

CITY OF TACOMA ECONOMIC GARDENING PROGRAM: HELPING BUSINESSES TO GROW IN TACOMA

The City of Tacoma's Economic Gardening program seeks to grow the local economy by providing businesses in Tacoma with the tools and information they need to help improve in today's marketplace. Its free, quarterly workshops and one-on-one consultations are available to any business in the Tacoma area. The one-on-one consultations are designed to assist each business with its main business challenge.

www.cityoftacoma.org, 523-573-2435

DOUGLAS COUNTY, COLORADO - ECONOMIC GARDENING

The Douglas County Economic Gardening seeks to strengthen their business community through a free program that provides small businesses with access to competitive analysis, market research, resource referrals and more.

www.douglas.co.us, 303-660-7426

EDWARD LOWE FOUNDATION

The Edward Lowe Foundation utilizes entrepreneurship as a strategy for economic growth and community development. The foundation conducts research, recognition and educational programs to second-stage businesses, which they deliver through support organizations.

www.edwardlowe.org, 269-445-2648

ELEVATE VENTURES ECONOMIC GARDENING

Elevate Ventures Economic Gardening program is designed to provide selected second-stage businesses in Indiana with sophisticated technical assistance, at no charge, in an effort to help their business grow. The interactions with economic gardening tools are tailored to each business's needs.

www.elevateventures.com, 317-234-5671

GRENADA MISSISSIPPI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT - ECONOMIC GARDENING PROGRAM

The Grenada County EDD responds to the needs of entrepreneurs and small businesses in the Grenada area. Its economic gardening program offers a balance to the traditional economic development strategies of recruitment, retention and expansion through marketing intelligence.

www.grenadameansbusiness.com, 662-229-9502

GROWFL - PINELLAS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

GrowFL focuses on expanding privately-held firms in the state of Florida. The pilot program provides technical assistance for expanding businesses in the state.

www.pced.org, 727-453-7200

GROWING LOCAL ECONOMIES

Growing Local Economies' goal is to help local economies in the Denver area become more prosperous by leveraging their assets to support local entrepreneurs. The program works with entrepreneurs to find potential partners and technical resources to support their entrepreneurial initiative.

www.growinglocaleconomies.com, 720-394-5270

ICMA LEADERS AT THE CORE OF BETTER COMMUNITIES

ICMA fosters professional management to sustain communities worldwide. Their article, "Seven Steps to Developing an Economic Gardening Implementation Strategy," describes the key points to creating for a successful economic gardening strategy.

www.icma.org, 202-289-4262

JUMPSTART

JumpStart provides intensive support to entrepreneurs in the northeast Ohio area. JumpStart assists growing businesses so they are able to achieve milestones of growth such as raising capital and moving a product or service into the market.

www.jumpstartinc.org, 216-363-3400

LOVELAND ECONOMIC GARDENING PROGRAM

The Loveland Economic Gardening Program subscribes to high-powered databases to provide strategic help to increase sales, improve market share and find new markets or local businesses. The goal is to help local businesses with resources to level the playing field when compared with their larger counterparts.

www.lovelandeconomicgardening.com, 970-663-4293

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - ECONOMIC GARDENING PROGRAM

The Nebraska Economic Gardening Program offers assistance to up to 40 Nebraska-based growth businesses. Half of the businesses are located in counties with a population of less than 50,000 people. The program provides access to information on demographic trends, competitive intelligence, marketing lists, strategy, analysis, and capital referrals.

www.neded.org, 402-471-3778

NEBRASKA ENTREPRENEUR

Nebraska Entrepreneur is a central hub connecting entrepreneurs and making them aware of resources available to help their business thrive. In addition to being an educational resource, Nebraska Entrepreneur features business profiles.

www.nebraskaentrepreneur.com

NETWORK KANSAS - KANSAS ECONOMIC GARDENING NETWORK

Kansas Economic Gardening Network provides technical assistance to second-stage businesses with room to grow. It provides its services to companies in rural Kansas with annual revenues of \$50,000 to \$600,000 and fewer than 100 employees. The technical assistance provided by the program includes examining social media tools to mapping geographic areas to facilitate targeted marketing areas.

www.networkkansas.com

OHIO BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION INITIATIVE

The Ohio BR&E provides resources, training and tools to develop the capacity of the community to better understand its economy. The BR&E process enables local leaders to focus on planning, action and results to address critical community issues.

www.localecon.osu.edu/BRnE, 614-247-6479

OLATHE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - GROWOLATHE

GrowOLATHE is a program that analyzes a current business's status, discusses areas for assistance and provides the resources to help the business's growth. The program's goal is to provide information and resources to businesses that are typically prohibitive due to cost or time.

www.olathe.org, 913-764-1050

PURE MICHIGAN BUSINESS CONNECT

Pure Michigan Business Connect is a public-private initiative to help Michigan businesses grow. Its business-to-businesses network links companies in Michigan to help guide them in their growing process. PMBC's Professional Business Services also offers services from Michigan businesses and professionals on lending, exports and website services.

www.michiganadvantage.org, 888-522-0103

THE ASSET-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

ABCD is located at Northwestern University and is involved in broad types on community building work. ABCD created a library of resources with scholarly articles and community building workbooks as training curricula.

www.abcdinstitute.org, 847-491-8711

THE BITTERROOT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC. (BREDD)

BREDD is the federally designated economic development district for western Montana consisting of Ravalli, Mineral and Missoula counties. Its economic gardening project strives to improve the business climate of area entrepreneurs. This program benefits from the expertise of key partners in across the region.

www.bredd.org, 406-258-3423

THE URBAN ENTREPRENEUR PARTNERSHIP

The UEP, a program of the Kauffman Foundation, follows a one-to-one business-coaching model to assist clients in adjusting quickly to a fluid marketplace. Coaches and clients are matched by industry and core competencies. UEP's services are offered through video, a traditional bricks-and-mortar program or a hybrid of the two, equipping clients with business solutions from strategic planning to financial management.

www.uepkuffman.org, 855-837-2900

UNC SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT - SMALL TOWN, BIG IDEAS

The University of North Carolina School of Government partnered with the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center to document 50 small towns that were implementing successful approaches to community economic development. From this, they created a searchable case study database summarizing the planning and implementation of economic development strategies in town with less than 10,000 residents.

www.sog.unc.edu, 919-966-5381

YAKIMA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION - YAKIMAVALLEY.BIZ

The Yakima County Development Association created YakimaValley.biz as a website to provide business planning resources to entrepreneurs in Yakima County. It provides information on business plans, financing and business education.

www.yakimavalley.biz, 509-575-1140

