



Starting or Expanding a Business?

Free Business Consulting & Financing Opportunities

Trusted Business Advisors

Open to Business provides free, confidential business counseling to current and prospective entrepreneurs. Our experienced consultants work with you to develop a strong business plan, identify challenges and opportunities, and tailor solutions to your business needs.

We also work with entrepreneurs to find financing that best meets your unique needs. Whether it's from a bank, a community lending program, or through direct Open to Business funding, we'll help you assess your options and chart the best path.

No-Cost Business Consulting

Our experienced advisors offer FREE, confidential business consulting & lending options:

- Business & strategic planning
- Marketing & communications planning
- Regulatory, tax, licensing, & accounting training
- Financial assessment
- Direct lending
- Access to governmental & community financing
- Loan packaging for private financing
- Referrals to critical professional services

Financing Opportunities

As a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), MCCD provides capital to entrepreneurs including those who face challenges in accessing the commercial banking system, with a focus on Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), women, low-wealth individuals, and geographic areas of underinvestment.

The Open to Business program is available to residents and businesses located in:

Anoka County
Dakota County
Hennepin County
Ramsey County
Washington County
City of Northfield

About Us

MCCD is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and through the Open to Business program we provide business assistance and capital to entrepreneurs in the greater Twin Cities region. Our experienced consultants work with small business owners to access the technical assistance and financing options they need to succeed.



Language Assistance

Our business advisors speak English, Spanish, Somali, and Hmong.

Contact a Business Advisor

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