

General Resources Continued

Grand Rapids Public Library Small Business Resource Center

111 Library St NE, Lower Level, Grand Rapids || 616-988-5400
bit.ly/31Gk6n4

The Small Business Resource Center is located on the Lower Level of our Main Library and provides the timely and reliable business information you need to start, manage, and grow your business.

Michigan Economic Development Corporation

888-522-0103
michiganbusiness.org/covid19

Provides a list of resources and information for Michigan businesses during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak.

Michigan Small Business Development Center

50 Front St Ave SW Ste 1020, Grand Rapids || 616-331-7580
sbdcmichigan.org

Basic business training, market research, foundation skills for business startups, writing a business plan, marketing strategies, capitol access and mentor program; advanced training in financial management, human resources, marketing and strategic planning; referral program to resources for a growing business.

Service changes may have been affected due to COVID 19. Please call 2-1-1, or contact organizations by phone for service updates.

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Community resources

BUSINESS RESOURCES



A starting point for finding resources that can help your existing business grow.

General Business Resources

2-1-1- Heart of West Michigan United Way

hwmuw.org/211

Live chat: hwmuw.org/211-live-chat

Dial 2-1-1

United Way's 2-1-1 connects people to thousands of services in Kent County. Whoever you are, whatever your needs, 2-1-1 makes it easy to find help for yourself, a neighbor, or a loved one. Please note that 2-1-1 is an information and referral service and does not provide direct services or financial assistance.

BBB Serving West Michigan

3330 Claystone St SE, Grand Rapids || 616-774-8236

westernmichigan.bbb.org

The Better Business Bureau Serving West Michigan strengthens trust between companies and consumers.

City of GR Planning Commission

300 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids || 616-456-3000

bit.ly/2OWmuEY

Provides information on doing business in Grand Rapids, information on Tax abatements, business expansion, downtown development, and small business assistance.

Consumer Energy Small Business Relief

1-800-805-0490

Provides small businesses in Michigan with meaningful and immediate help with regards to utility bill payments, connecting to potential sources of state and federal relief, as well as providing new business opportunities through the Pure Michigan Business Connect Program.

Employer's Association

5570 Executive Pkwy SE Grand Rapids || 616-698-1167

teagr.org

Nonprofit association that provides information on area wage, salary and benefits practices. Performs project work for which an employer may not have internal resources.

Family Business Alliance

616-771-0575

fbagr.org

Supports the unique needs of family owned businesses.

Grand Rapids Area Black Businesses

grabblocal.com

Creates awareness and visibility for black-owned businesses to promote growth and economic stability.

West Michigan COVID-19 Business Coalition

covidwm.org

A collaborative effort by several West Michigan organizations working to provide resources, guidance, and businesses services to the employers and employees of our community that have been affected by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic.

Local First

345 Fuller Ave NE Grand Rapids || 616-808-3788

localfirst.org

Encourages the development of a vibrant, sustainable West Michigan economy by promoting local business ownership, social equity and environmental stewardship through education, support and collaboration.

Michigan Women's Foundation

535 Cascade W Pkwy SE Grand Rapids || 313-962-1920

miwf.org

Empowers women in business through events, networking, training and micro-lending.

Northern Initiatives

906-228-5571

northerninitiatives.org

Providing loans comes with access to business services which includes a suite of practical trainings, tools, and resources on topics that matter to every business owner: Money, Marketing, and Management..

Rende Progress Capital

contact@rendeprogrescapital.com

rendeprogrescapital.com/copy-of-faq

Providing lending and investing through racial equity.

The Source

1409 Buchanan Ave SW Grand Rapids || 616-452-5295

grsource.org

Supports employers in their efforts to support their employees through resource navigation and community partnerships.

Talent 2025

48 Logan St SW. Grand Rapids || 616-871-2450

talent2025.org

Dedicated to making Michigan a Top 20 employment region by providing tools and training to business leaders in all industries.