Small Business Assistance

The Charlotte area has many quality providers of technical assistance available, from private business consultants to public organizations. Below is a listing of several organizations available in Charlotte and the surrounding area that assist small business owners.

Charlotte Regional Business Alliance (http://www.charlotteregion.com/)
330 South Tryon Street
Charlotte NC 28202
704-378-1300
Email: **alliance@charlotteregion.com (mailto:alliance@charlotteregion.com)**

The CLT Alliance works together, creating connections to promote and advance the Charlotte Region's vibrant, innovative and healthy economy. They are an excellent source of information about local markets, business activity and business opportunities.

The Small Business Center at Central Piedmont (https://www.cpcc.edu/business-and-industry/small-business-center)
CPCC Central Campus, Hall Building, Suite 214
1112 Charlottetowne Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28204
704-330-6736
Email: **sbc@cpcc.edu (mailto:sbc@cpcc.edu)**

The Small Business Center at Central Piedmont provides the local business community with tuition-based courses, a non-degree certificate program, networking events, free seminars, no-cost counseling, and a business resource library. We proudly assist some 2,500 start-up entrepreneurs and small business owners each year.

Business Expansion Funding Corporation (https://www.befcor.com/) (BEFCOR)
5970 Fairview Road, Suite 218
Charlotte, NC 28210
704-946-8721

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Business Expansion Funding Corporation, BEFCOR, has been a non-profit economic development lender in North Carolina since 1982. By providing loans to small businesses, they help emerging and expanding companies grow and create jobs.

The National Institute of Economic Development (https://theinstitutenc.org/)
114 West Parrish Street
Durham NC 27701
919-956-8889
Email: **info@theinstitutenc.org (mailto:info@theinstitutenc.org)**

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The Institute -- the only organization of its kind in the country -- offers 33 years of experience helping clients harness the power of diversity to achieve business and economic objectives.

Small Business Administration – Charlotte (https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/nc/charlotte)
6302 Fairview Road, Ste. 300
Charlotte, NC 28210
704-344-6563
Email: **nc@sba.gov (mailto:nc@sba.gov)**

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) helps Americans start, build, and grow businesses. SBA was created in 1953 as an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, preserve free competitive enterprise and maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation.

Small Business & Technology Development Center (https://sbtdc.org/offices/uncc/) (SBTDC) at UNC Charlotte
PORTAL Building, Suite 226
9319 Robert D. Snyder Road
Charlotte NC 28223
704-687-0440
Email: **uncc@sbtdc.org (mailto:uncc@sbtdc.org)**

The SBTDC service center in Charlotte is located on the UNC Charlotte campus. Their experienced business advisory team offers confidential, in-depth counseling to mid-sized company business owners and management staff. In addition, the SBTDC routinely assists clients with developing and implementing viable strategies that enhance their competitive advantage and success in the marketplace. They also assist entrepreneurs preparing to launch their next venture.

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Self-Help Credit Union (https://www.self-help.org/)
431 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, NC 28216
704-375-5781

Self-Help lends to small and large businesses as they grow. They also lend to institutions that help communities thrive, such as nonprofits, childcares, sustainable food businesses, faith-based organizations and more.

The Women's Business Center of Charlotte (https://theinstitutenc.org/programs/wbcc/)
916 W. 5th Street
Charlotte, NC 28202
704-509-5884
Email: **wbc-charlotte@TheInstituteNC.org (mailto:wbc-charlotte@TheInstituteNC.org)**

The Women's Business Center of Charlotte (WBCC) helps women-owned businesses start and grow. They empower women by offering tools and support to establish businesses, stabilize their companies, generate sustainable profits, strategize for future growth and contribute to the growth and economic development of the community.

The above list is not meant to be exhaustive; business owners are encouraged to seek technical assistance from a provider of their choice, regardless of whether or not the provider is reflected on this list. Fees for services provided are set at the sole discretion of the provider. Further, upon initial consultation with the business owner, Technical Assistance Providers may refer the business to a subsequent technical assistance provider.

For businesses seeking financial assistance, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools makes no representation that the above organizations will be able to secure financing for the proposed business project.

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