

Economic Development

General Resource Guide

The City of Pleasanton recognizes that starting and growing a business takes a variety of resources. Through this guide, the Economic Development Division staff hopes to assist in identifying organizations and agencies that address the needs of your business.

Small Business Administration

The Small Business Administration (SBA) is a federal agency focused on providing counseling, capital, and contracting expertise to small businesses. The SBA supports America's small business community through free counseling, business guides, SBA-backed loans, and many more programs to ease access to financial tools.

www.sba.gov | (800) 827-5722

CAMEO Network

CAMEO or California Association for Micro Enterprise Opportunity is dedicated to furthering the development of small businesses in California through loans, technical assistance, and business management training. CAMEO academy has technical assistance (TA) courses focused on financial and business management skill-building.

cameonetwork.org | (510) 736-0797

SF Small Business Development Center

San Francisco's Small Business Development Center (SBCD) branch offers small businesses various tools for success in the Bay Area, including a one-on-one advising program, a library of educational webinars, and finance consulting.

www.sfsbdc.org | (415) 937-7232

Service Corps of Retired Executives

The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), sponsored by the United State Small Business Administration, is comprised of retired business people who were successful in management or ownership of business. Free consulting services are available in the areas of finance and accounting.

www.score.org/eastbay | (510) 273-6611

PG&E Energy Efficiency Business Programs

There are several programs offered by PG&E to help your business save energy. Some are statewide core programs and others are managed by an energy-efficiency partner selected by PG&E.

www.pge.com | (877) 660-6789

Ava Community Energy

Ava Community Energy (Ava) provides electricity generation at competitive rates to just about every home and business in the areas we serve. Ava offers businesses the ability to choose green power — or power at lower rates than PG&E. Ava invests excess revenue back into local communities through electrification programs and grants.

avaenergy.org | (833) 699-3223

Corporation for Manufacturing Excellence

Manufacturing plays a key role in Pleasanton's business economy. The City and many individual companies work with The Corporation for Manufacturing Excellence (MANEX) to provide proven advisory and implementation solutions exclusively to manufacturers, distributors, and their supply chains. Emphasis on delivering high-impact solutions in four key areas - strategy, people, process and performance - to help companies quickly achieve cost efficiencies and increased profits.

manexconsulting.com | (925) 807-5100