

Technical Assistance & Permitting

VGCC Small Business Center – The Small Business Center at Vance-Granville Community College aims to help [new and existing small businesses](#) throughout Franklin, Granville, Vance, and Warren Counties. The Center provides a suite of services and assistance at no cost, including education, training, one-to-one counseling, business plan development, and access to capital resources.
www.vgcc.edu/coned/small-business-center/ (252)-738-3240

SBA Business Centers – The U.S. Small Business Administration has a number of different centers that provide technical assistance, including Veterans Business Outreach Centers and Women’s Business Centers. These Centers provide problem-solving assistance, help businesses access capital, improve business planning, and other technical support.

Veterans Business Outreach Center at Fayetteville State University

www.fsuvboc.com (910)-672-2683

Women’s Business Center of North Carolina

www.theinstitutenc.org/programs/ (919)-956-2334

NC Manufacturing Extension Partnership – NCMEP is [a hub for small- and mid-size manufacturers](#) seeking to incorporate new technology to expand their business. Businesses can partner with NCMEP to find solutions to improve productivity, increase sales, and create and retain jobs. The Partnership offers help with workforce development and training, supply chain assistance, advanced manufacturing deployment, and cybersecurity strategy, as well as regular webinars and events to network and learn the latest technology and practices.

www.ncmep.org (919)-513-6119

Vance County Planning and Development Department – The County’s planning department conducts state-mandated building inspections for all phases of construction. It also administers and enforces all development plans and related ordinances. On its website, the Department has [compiled guides](#) to help local businesses understand the permitting process and has also listed a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

www.vancecounty.org/departments/planning-and-development (252)-738-2080

Financing, Grants, and Incentives

OneNC Fund – The One North Carolina Fund is [a cash-grant program](#) that allows the state to quickly respond to job creation projects, especially those in less prosperous areas of the state. Businesses can take advantage of the program by locating or expanding in Tier I counties, like Vance County. The funds must be used for installing/purchasing equipment, structural repairs to buildings, or upgrading/expanding utility lines, and the project must create new jobs.

Building Re-use Grants – This grant program provides funds to local governments to assist with [improvements to buildings](#) that will directly lead to the creation of new, full-time jobs. The funds can be used for two purposes: The renovation of vacant buildings and the renovation/expansion of a building occupied by an existing company wishing to expand at its current location.

North Carolina Rural Development Center – The NC Rural Development Center's mission is to develop, promote, and implement strategies to improve the quality of life of rural North Carolinians. The Center has several programs that provide [access to capital](#) for small businesses in the state's 78 rural counties. One such program is [CornerSquare Community Capital](#), which is focused on serving individuals and communities that have struggled to access capital for reasons that include race, gender, wealth, or experience. [Thread Capital](#) is another program, a direct micro-lending program that provides access to capital, coaching, and connections to small businesses across North Carolina.

www.ncruralcenter.org

(919)-250-4314

Community Development Financial Institutions – CDFIs are banks, credit union, or other financial agencies that promote inclusion and economic development in disadvantaged communities. With a larger focus on serving people in low-income communities that have historically been locked out of the financial system, CDFIs rely less on credit scores when providing loans and other products and instead focus on more holistic factors and community development efforts. To find a North Carolina CDFI, you can visit the [U.S. Department of the Treasury's list](#) of certified CDFIs.

Workforce Development

Customized Training at VGCC – The Customized Training Program at Vance-Granville Community College partners with local businesses to provide [tailored training programs](#) to meet workforce and industry needs, often at no cost to the business. The program is available to businesses making an appreciable capital investment, deploying new technology, expanding its operations, or seeking to enhance workers' skills.

www.vgcc.edu/coned/industry-services/

(252)-738-3520

Kittrell Job Corps – The [Kittrell Job Corps](#) is a federally funded program that offers free career training and education to low-income, young adults. Employers can partner with the Job Corps to streamline recruitment to customize training programs and create no-cost work-based learning programs.

www.kittrell.jobcorps.gov

(252)-438-9100