

Minneapolis Small Business Support Services

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Call on us to help you get your business ready for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Line.

IF YOU NEED **HELP** WITH:

Construction Information

We can connect you with the most up-to-date information on light rail construction plans.

CONTACT:

→ **Jessica Hill**

Metropolitan Council
 Central Corridor Outreach Coordinator
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Business Consulting and Technical Assistance

To help ensure your business foundation is sound before construction, we can refer you to free online resources, one-on-one consultations, workshops, and specialists in:

- Accounting, bookkeeping, and tax preparation
- Financial counseling and credit repair
- Retail and restaurant management
- Small business management training
- Business and financial planning
- Marketing and business development
- Legal advice and services related to leases and business incorporation
- Translation and interpretation services are available on construction and business issues.

→ **Natalia Pretelt**

Metropolitan Consortium of
 Community Developers
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Business and real estate development loans and assistance

Business loans are available through the City of Minneapolis:

- Working capital guarantees, up to \$75,000
- Below market loans for tenant improvements and equipment, up to \$75,000
- Below market loans for energy efficiency investments, up to \$75,000
- Below market loans for commercial and industrial real estate development, from \$100,000 to \$10 million.

Facade improvement matching grants are available through the City of Minneapolis Great Streets program in Cedar Riverside/West Bank (WBBA and ADC) and the 29th Avenue Station area (Prospect Park/Seward Redesign).

We want your business to thrive in Minneapolis, whether on the corridor or off it. If you find that you need more space, are ready to expand, or simply want to find another location within the city, we can help.

→ **Emily Stern**

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IF YOU NEED *HELP* WITH:

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Parking

We are working to mitigate the loss of on-street parking by:

- Evaluating parking conditions to assess current and future needs
- Working with businesses on maximizing use of remaining parking
- Retaining some high-turnover spaces near consumer-oriented businesses on University Avenue
- Exploring options for parking on side streets that support both businesses and neighborhoods.

→ ***Haila Maze***

City of Minneapolis

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Energy Efficiency

You can reduce your monthly operating costs by improving the energy efficiency of your building, with the help of:

- Below-market loans through the City and the Center for Energy and Environment
- Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy rebate programs.

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Advocacy, Information, and Referrals

These business organizations are good sources for information about a variety of issues affecting businesses and property owners in the Central Corridor. They provide informational programs, referral networks, and opportunities to work with other owners on issues of common interest.

→ ***West Bank
Business Association***

www.thewestbank.org

African Development Center

www.adcmnnesota.org

***Stadium Village
Commercial Association***

www.stadiumvillage.com

***Southeast Business
Association***

www.southeastminneapolis.com

***University Avenue
Business Association***

www.universityavenuebiz.com/BIC