

Business Retention + Expansion Resources and Programs

1. ***Grenville Community Futures Development Corporation (GCFDC)*** provides business consulting free of charge, business loans and grant opportunities. They also deliver the Self Employment Benefit Program. Website is www.grenvillecfdc.com. As a Not For Profit federally funded organization, they are very effective and proactive in supporting small business in Grenville County for loans and grants. Services include;
 - a) Business Financing & Consulting – Mike O’Keefe, Business Development Officer manages the loan facility for small business and is a wealth of information and support for small business through offering free consulting and business financing/loan opportunities.

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 - b) Funding Programs (Loans & Grants) – *Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP)* federal funding program that includes repayable interest free loans for façade improvements and non repayable contributions through several programs. The EODP Program has been renewed but is not yet open for applications for the 2011-2012 year (may be the fall of 2011). Visit the website at; <http://www.grenvillecfdc.com/Content.cfm?id=57>.
2. ***Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) Community and Business Financing: A Guide to Funding Programs for Rural Ontario*** website has a variety of funding programs available. The key is rural affairs, it’s not just for farmers. Review the opportunities at <http://www.reddi.gov.on.ca/financingresources.htm>
3. ***North Grenville Chamber of Commerce***. Joining the Chamber can be a great way to get known and network with other businesses and build partnerships. Check out their website at <http://www.northgrenvillechamber.com> for more information on their services and benefits.
4. ***Business Network International (BNI)*** is a business and professional networking organization whose primary purpose is to exchange business referrals. There is a local chapter in Kemptville and is membership based. To learn more, go to; http://www.bnieast.com/cgi-bin/db.pl?h=sfrm_members&s_chapter_id=18
5. ***North Grenville Business Builders (NGBB)*** is an association of business professionals whose purpose is to market the services of the group, exchange business referrals and provide mutual support. Similar to the BNI structure, this group is more informal but is also membership based. To find out more about the group go to <http://www.ngbb.ca/index.php>.
6. ***Kemptville Women in Business (KWB)*** – This (group) is intended to empower local businesswomen to network their business for future growth and also to collect funds for women’s charities. To find out how to join Kemptville Women in Business or for more information, search for them on Facebook or email them at kemptvillewomeninbusiness@gmail.com.
7. ***Leeds and Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre (LGSBEC)***. Provides start ups and new businesses information, resources and support. Learn more about this organization at <http://www.lgsbec.com/index.cfm?ID=171> or contact Contact Wendy Onstein 613-342-8772 x 470.

8. **Municipality of North Grenville Business Directory.** Located on our Municipal website at <http://www.northgrenville.ca/businessdirectory.cfm>, this directory gets over 2,500 hits per month, is free of charge and is a great way to promote your business. Businesses who are located in and/or doing business in North Grenville can apply. Just fill out the form and send as directed. The form can be found on our economic development website at http://www.greenandgrowing.ca/pr_index.cfm.
9. **Ontario Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC) – Small Business Internship Program (SBIP).** SBIP provides financial support to qualified SMEs so they can hire student interns to assist them adopt information and communications technologies (ICT). This support will help participating SMEs increase their productivity and competitiveness in order to grow their businesses. Go to <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/sbip-pspe.nsf/eng/home> for more information on the program and how to apply.
10. **Industry Canada has a Canada Small Business Financing Program**
http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/csbfp-pfpec.nsf/eng/h_la02855.html
11. **Gov't of Canada site, "Canada Business" services** for entrepreneurs site has search function where you can find programs based on sector and purpose of the funding. "Canada Business" also offers other tools such as business plan templates, doing SWOT Analysis, Marketing plan and analysis. <http://www.canadabusiness.ca/eng/82/149/>
12. **Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium (EMC)** offers Consortium Members a broad range of services and programs to help them become more competitive. A not-for-profit organization of manufacturers, dedicated to facilitating member development towards greater global competitiveness, as a strong community infrastructure of business. www.emccanada.org.
13. **University of Guelph, Kemptville Campus.** As part of the University of Guelph, Kemptville Campus is committed to specialized quality education and academic excellence with many years of experience, heritage, and tradition. They can meet specialized training & development needs of your industry and have an active Business Development Division. For more information contact Pat Remillard, Business Development Manager at; 613-258-8336 ext. 61418 or email PRemilla@kemptvillec.uoguelph.ca
14. **Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario)** - The agency's programs will support economic and community development, innovation, and economic diversification, with contributions to communities, businesses and non-profit organizations. Check out their programs at <http://www.feddevontario.gc.ca/eic/site/723.nsf/eng/home>,

The Municipality of North Grenville's Economic Development Department is here to help with your business start up, retention and expansion needs. Feel free to contact Teri Devine, Economic Development Coordinator for assistance in connecting you with the information, resources and tools you need to be successful.

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Visit our websites for more information at
<http://www.northgrenville.ca/BRandE.cfm>
http://www.greenandgrowing.ca/pr_index.cfm

Let's continue to work together to support local business!