

STARTING A BUSINESS

To find information on starting a business, begin with these reference books located in the Orlando Public Library. Some titles in the subject areas listed below may also be available at branch locations.

Small Business Resources

R 338.642 Bon	<i>Minority Franchise Guide</i>
R 346.066 War	<i>How to Form a Corporation in Florida</i>
R 346.06622 Dia	<i>How to Incorporate</i>
R 658.022 Fal	<i>How to Set Up Your Own Small Business</i>
R 658.022 Hil	<i>Encyclopedia of Small Business (2 volumes)</i>
R 658.022 Sma	<i>Small Business Sourcebook</i>
R 658.022 War	<i>How to Start a Business in Florida</i>
R 658.11 Sma	<i>SmartStart Your Florida Business</i>
R 658.1592 Fin	<i>Financial Studies of the Small Business</i>
R 658.4 Bus	<i>Business Plans Handbook (multiple volumes)</i>

Resources for funding and capital can be found in these reference books:

R 332.025 Cor	<i>The Corporate Finance Sourcebook</i>
R 332.1025 Pra	<i>Pratt's Guide to Venture Capital Sources</i>
R 353.0082 Gov	<i>Government Assistance Almanac</i>
R 361.60973 Uni	<i>Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (www.cfda.gov)</i>
R 658.11 Les	<i>Free Money and Help for Women Entrepreneurs</i>
R 658.15224 Les	<i>How to Write and Get a Grant</i>

Check the circulating collection under the same numbers for these and similar titles available for check out.

These subject areas may also be of use, since they are related to business formation and funding:

Business Forms	346.06622, 651.29
Business Plans (How to Write)	658.15, 658.15224, 658.4, 658.4012
Contracts	346.02, 346.73, 347.7, 658.46, 658.804
Franchise Opportunities	380.168, 658.022, 658.84, 658.87
Incorporation (including SubChapter S)	343.73, 346.06622, 346.73
Proposal Writing	361.7, 361.73, 658.15, 658.15224, 658.401

The following magazines/newspapers/business services often have information on starting a business:

Reference Central (Orlando Public Library)

Florida Bid Reporting Service - *State, County & Municipal Bid Bulletin*

Magazines - *Black Enterprise, Florida Trend, Inc., Success*

Newspapers - *Central Florida Business (inside Monday's Orlando Sentinel), Orlando Business Journal*

Online

Business Services - *Commerce Business Daily* <http://cbdnet.access.gpo.gov>

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To locate articles from magazines, journals and other periodicals search online periodical databases through the Library home page at <http://www.ocls.info/>. Select **Virtual Library** → **Online Databases** → **Business**.

To view an online tutorial on starting a business, begin at the Library's home page at <http://www.ocls.info/>. Select **Virtual Library** → **Online Tutorials** → **eGuides** → **Start Your Own Business**.

Internet resources are available through the Library's home page at <http://www.ocls.info/>. Select **Virtual Library** → **NetLinks** → **Business** to access links that have been identified as particularly useful.

CONTACTS for Small and Minority Owned Businesses:

LOCAL

Black Business Investment Fund Inc.
407-649-4780
www.bbif.com

Business Development Department
(Orange County Dept. of Administrative Services)
407-836-7317
www.orangecountyfl.net/cms/dept/as

Enterprise Florida
(Office of Minority Business Development)
407-316-4600
www.eflorida.com

Hispanic Business Initiative Fund
407-428-5872
www.hbiforl.org

Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission
407-422-7159
www.orlandoedc.com

Minority Business Enterprise
(City of Orlando)
407-246-2623
www.cityoforlando.net

Minority/Women Bus. Enterprise Alliance, Inc.
407-428-5860
www.allianceflorida.com

National Entrepreneur Center
Landmark I Bldg.-315 E. Robinson St., Suite 100
Orlando, Fl 32801
407-420-4848
www.floridanec.org

University of Central Florida
Small Business Development Center
407-420-4850
www.bus.ucf.edu/sbdc

STATE

Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation
Office of the Secretary
850-488-1830
www.state.fl.us/dbpr/

Division of Corporations
(Department of State) 850-487-6012
www.sunbiz.org and
www.dos.state.fl.us/doc/index.html

Fictitious Names
(Division of Corporations)
850-245-6058
www.sunbiz.org/corpweb/inquiry/ficmenu.html

Office of Supplier Diversity
850-487-0915
www.osd.dms.state.fl.us

FEDERAL

Small Business Administration/SCORE Service
(Service Corps of Retired Executives)
800-634-0245
www.sbaonline.sba.gov
www.score.org

U.S. Business Advisor
www.business.gov/

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