

List of Business Resources for Minority and Women Owned Companies

Black Chamber of Commerce
591 Grider Street
Buffalo, NY 14215
Phone: (716) 852-2324 or 597-0263
Louman Ross, President

A networking group of African American enterprises who's mission is to advocate and promote economic development of minority businesses.

Buffalo Niagara Partnership
665 Main Street Suite 200s
Buffalo, New York 14203
Phone: (716) 852-7100

The BNP offers various programs, services and opportunities to help support members with business growth. Includes but not limited to networking, sponsorships, newsletter advertising and membership directory.

Buffalo Economic Renaissance Corporation
City Hall
65 Niagara Square Room 920
Buffalo, NY 14202
Phone: 842-2667

Micro enterprise loan program for renovation, construction, purchase of furniture, equipment and working capital. BEREC can finance up to 90% of a project requiring not less than \$2,500 or more than \$25,000.

Erie County Division of Equal Employment Opportunity
95 Franklin Street
Rath Building Room 604
Buffalo, NY 14202
Phone: (716) 858-7542

Assists and certifies minority and women owned businesses as bona fide MBE / WBE companies. Assist with information and referral.

Empire State Development Corporation
Liberty Building Suite 717
420 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
Phone: (716) 856-8111

Access all New York State business development programs, including financing and training. Assist and certifies companies as bona fide MBE / WBE enterprises.

Small Business Development Center
Buffalo State College Bacon Hall 117
1300 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14202
Phone: (716) 878-4030

One to one counseling to start up and existing small businesses on a wide range of advisory, training and research services including; business plans, marketing programs and financial strategies.

U. S. Small Business Administration
130 S. Elmwood Ave. Suite 540
Buffalo, NY 14202
Phone: (716) 551-4301

Assists with every aspect of starting a business, from developing a business plan, obtaining financing, marketing products and managing a company. The general loan program promotes small business growth by guarantees of up 80% of the amount provided by commercial lenders. **Assist veterans with all services previously listed.**

Upstate New York Regional Minority Purchasing Council
85 River Rock Road Suite 100 Mail Slot # 14
Buffalo, New York 14207
Phone: (716) 871-4120

Provide assistance for major corporations to identify qualified minority businesses who can supply these firms with goods and services. Maintain a directory of certified minority businesses and their capabilities for contractors to have a readily accessible source of MBE companies.

Women Business Center
Canisius College
2365 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14214
Phone: (716) 888-6650

Provide entrepreneurs and small business owners the critical skills, knowledge, tools and support network to increase their success. Services include; training, networking, counseling, coaching and consulting.