

SMALL, MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES

Small and Minority/Women-owned businesses are the backbone of our local economy. The City of Gainesville is vested in your success, and as such, we want to ensure that you are connected with the resources available to help your business develop and grow.

- Grants
- Help Starting or Growing your Business
- Licensing
- Sell to the City
- Discrimination Issues

Grants

Contrary to what you may have heard, there are virtually NO grants out there to help you start or grow a business. Unfortunately there is a lot of misleading information floating around. There are other options available to finance your business. To learn more visit: http://www.score.org/free_money.html

Help Starting or Growing your business:

FREE help is around the corner.

Small Business Development Center: (352) 334-5027

SCORE: (352) 375-8278

Economic Development Division: (352) 334-5012

Licensing

Every business operating in the City of Gainesville is required to pay the Business Tax. Home-based businesses may also be required to obtain a Home Occupation Permit.

For more information, contact the Finance Department: (352) 334-5024.

Sell to the City

The City of Gainesville purchases many different goods and services. Small, Minority/Women-owned businesses are strongly encouraged to participate in the City's purchasing process.

For more information on doing business with the City of Gainesville, contact:

General Government Purchasing: (352) 334-5021

GRU Purchasing: (352) 393-1240