

## SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES IN WINNIPEG

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### **SEED Winnipeg Inc.**

*Business & Enterprise Support & Training* - Free small business training and business counselling for people living on a low income

Web: <http://seedwinnipeg.ca/programs/detail/build-a-business> Phone: 204-927-9944

*Women Exploring Business* - Free money management training, small business training, and business counselling for Indigenous and Immigrant women living on low incomes Web: <http://seedwinnipeg.ca/programs/detail/build-a-business> Phone: 204-924-9944

### **World Trade Centre Winnipeg**

*Free two-hour workshops on various topics*, such as How to start a business in Manitoba, GST, Exporting, and Importing. Web:

<http://www.wtcwinnipeg.com/en/calendar-of-events/>

*Answer your questions about starting a business in Manitoba*

*One free secondary market research per year.*

Web: [www.wtcwinnipeg.com](http://www.wtcwinnipeg.com) Phone: 204-253-4888

### **Women's Enterprise Centre**

*Business Plan Development Series*. Six classes totaling 24 hours for \$231. - Other half and full day workshops on various topics are provided for a fee.

*Free meetings with business advisors*

*Loans* of up to \$150,000 to Women business owners and those businesses with female ownership over 51%.

Web: <http://wecm.ca/> Phone: 204-988-1860

### **YMCA-YWCA**

*Self-Employment Program* - A program for current or recent EI recipients that includes three weeks of full-time training, eight weeks of working with a business coach to complete a business plan, launching an approved business, income support.

<http://www.ywinnipeg.ca/programs/employment-services/self-employment-training-program/> Phone: 204-989-5860

## **CDEM (Conseil de Développement économique des municipalités bilingues du Manitoba)**

- *A three-day business planning workshop conducted in French.* - Also offers workshops on various topics such as Importing and Exporting, Time Management, Advertising and Promotion, and Taxes and Meet Ups for French speaking newcomers. Web:

<http://www.cdem.com/en/sectors/business-services/training>

- *For Francophone-owned start-ups or businesses - 2 loan funds, range is \$5,000 to \$75,000* <http://www.cdem.com/en/sectors/business-services/financing>

Phone: 204-925-8825

- *Mentoring for new Francophone entrepreneurs by CDEM* - A French mentorship program for new entrepreneurs. Meetings are up to two times per month for about 90 minutes each and focus on development, skills enhancement, and provide continuous encouragement and motivation. Web: <http://www.cdem.com/en/sectors/business-services/mentoring> Phone: 204-925-8828

## **Urban Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program by Equal Opportunities West**

- Formal business training, loans referral pathfinding, and three-year incubation support for entrepreneurs living with disabilities. Web:

<http://www.equalopportunitieswest.com/en/press-releases> Phone: 204-888-5422

## **Small Business Continuing Education Courses**

*Starting a Small Business by Louis Riel School Division* - Step-by-step training on how to set up your own business. Seven evening classes totaling 21 hours for \$184. This course meets the Business Start Loan program education requirement. The school division also has courses on various topics for a fee, such as

*Taxes for Small Businesses, Mastering Social Media Marketing, and Business Accounting* Web: <https://coned.lrsd.net/courses/> Phone: 204-237-8130

## **Companies Office – Government of Manitoba**

*Register a business.* Phone: 204 945 2500.

<https://companiesoffice.gov.mb.ca/>

## **Innovation, Science, Economic Development Canada-Business and Industry**

Website with links to various topics <https://canadabusiness.ca/>

## **Futurpreneur**

*\$15,000 loan with 2 years of mentoring for people age 18 – 39*

<https://www.futurpreneur.ca/en/get-started/financing-and-mentoring/>

*Business plan template and examples*

<https://www.futurpreneur.ca/en/resources/start-up-business-planning/tips-tools/business-plan-writer/>

## **YMCA/YWCA Youth Entrepreneurs Program**

*For people ages 18 – 29 – Training, Networking, Business Canvas*

Three weeks of half day training, create a business idea outline, network with small business resource providers

Phone: 204 989-4106 <http://www.ywinnipeg.ca/programs/employment-services/youth-entrepreneurship-program/>

## **Manitoba Marketing Network**

*Monthly workshops, for a fee, on a variety of marketing-related topics. Web:*

<http://manitobamarketingnetwork.ca/events/> Phone: 204-794-8687

## **First Peoples Economic Growth Fund**

- *For First Nations owned start-ups or businesses - 1 grant and 1 loan fund*

- *Provides grants to hire a business plan writer and/or business consultant*

<http://www.firstpeoplesfund.ca/> Phone: 204-942-6026

## **Louis Riel Capital Corporation**

- *For Metis and non-status- owned start-ups or businesses - 1 grant and 1 loan fund*

- *Business consulting services*

Web: <http://www.lrcc.mb.ca/services.php> Phone: 204-589-0772

## **Metis Economic Development Fund**

- *For Metis-owned start-ups or businesses - Loan fund - Equity and/or debt financing*

<https://www.medf.ca/financing>

## **BDC (Business Development Bank of Canada)**

*Newcomer Entrepreneur Loan up to \$50,000. For immigrants in Canada 3 years or less with permanent resident status. Must have a business plan.*

<https://canadabusiness.ca/programs/new-canadian-entrepreneur-loan/>

*Indigenous Entrepreneur Loan up to \$150,000 for new and \$250,000 for existing.*

<https://canadabusiness.ca/programs/bdc-growth-capital-for-aboriginal-business-1/>

## **North Forge Fabrication Lab, Prototyping & Small Business Start up Services**

Membership fee for use of equipment, access to training, consulting, mentoring, and prototyping services. Types of equipment: 3D printer, laser cutting, router, and many others.

<https://www.northforge.ca/what-we-offer/start-up-program/>

## **Food Development Centre (Agriculture Manitoba) Portage La Prairie**

For food product development services. Nutritional Labelling, Test kitchen access, business consulting

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/food-and-ag-processing/starting-a-food-business/food-development-centre/index.html> Phone: 204 231 3150